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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Rev. W. C. Curtis visited classes, Monday.

Mr. Ray Parker spent the week end in South Paris.

Miss Vivian Jackson was unable to attend school last week.

Miss Ermine Rabideau visited classes, Wednesday, March 21.

John Chase has returned to resume his studies in the Junior Class.

Miss Ethel Eagle was absent from school, Monday, on account of illness.

Miss Laura Cummings entered the Freshman Class at the beginning of this term.

The Academy Heralds were distributed Monday at the close of the morning session.

The Y. W. C. A. girls sold pop-corn and home-made candy at the pictures, Friday evening.

Miss Florence Chapman, Miss Dorothy McDowell and Mr. Edward Brown were visitors at school last Friday.

The first Y. M. C. A. meeting of the term was held last Thursday. Lawrence Kimball was leader, his topic being, "Our Example; What Shall It Be?"

The first Y. W. C. A. meeting of the spring term was held Wednesday afternoon at Holden Hall. Miss Blanche Herrick was leader, the topic being "Cowardice."

The Athletic Association will hold a social in the near future. A committee has been chosen consisting of Annie Cummings, Ernestine Philbrook, John Chase and Vivian Hutchins.

The last game of the season between the Red Bandanas and Blue Bandanas was played Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium, the game resulting with a score of 20 to 6 in favor of the Blues.

THE ACADEMY FAIR.

The Academy Fair, which was postponed from last term, will be held in the Grange Hall on Thursday afternoon of the present week. The chief object of the Fair is to secure funds for needed repairs and improvements about the Academy building, and to this end all should wish to help. All kinds of useful and fancy articles will be on sale.

The Alumni Committee, consisting of Misses Mildred Bosserman, Mona Martyn and Elizabeth Leslie will offer for sale a variety of articles, contributed by loyal alumni from far and near. Contributions to this department are still solicited from all alumni and ex-students. This committee will also serve tea.

The Senior Committee will display all kinds of fancy articles, illustrating the deft handiwork of members of the class and interested friends. A generous patronage of this department will help the class toward defraying graduation expenses.

The Junior Committee will offer for sale G. A. peasants, armlets, pillows, and all kinds of domestic articles. We bespeak for this department a generous patronage.

The Sophomore Committee will have in charge, not only the ever alluring fish pond, but will also offer for sale fancy and domestic articles such as can be found in no other department.

The Freshman Committee will tempt you with the finest assortment of home made candy ever shown in Bethel. Don't fail to take a generous quantity home with you.

The Y. W. C. A. Committee will conduct a food sale, and will also serve ice cream and cake. These girls are trying to earn money to send delegates to Camp Mahawiley next summer. Your generous patronage of this department will be a distinct help to a worthy cause.

The entertainment in the evening, also in the Grange Hall, has been got ten up quickly, but will display a variety of talent in chorus. It is hoped the young people will be greeted by a large and not too critical audience.

PROGRAMME.

Piano duet, Misses Doris Ordway and Marjorie Farwell.
Declamation, Not Guilty, Harry Young
Violin Solo, Philip Brown
Selection, Boys' Chorus
Declamation, The Morning of Minden Ridge, Robert Hanscom
Violin solo, Margaret E. Herrick
Aunt Sophronia Taber at the Opera, Misses Blanche Herrick and Dorothy Hutchins.
Selection, Girls' Chorus
Farce, "An Hasy Mark."
Cast of Characters:
Richard Chambers, Chester Howe
Jack Knowlton, Robert Hastings
Henry Rensellier, William Hastings
Mike Doherty, Herbert Bean
Elmer DeBoeke, William Hall
Dorothy Somers, Ernestine Philbrook
Mrs. Somers, Naomi Smith

Admission to entertainment, 25c. Children 15c. No reserved seats.

AN AMANZIMTOTI DAY

Typical Day's Routine At An African Mission School

In my earlier letters I have told about the school and the staff at Amanzimtoti. While all schools have the same essentials of daily work, African climate and life make some differences.

The school day begins at 5.30, when the boys and girls get up. The boys all go down the hill to the river for a wash. The girls' quarters are far from the river, but in the tin bathhouse they have plenty of water on tap. At 6 the morning study hour commences; the boys go to the schoolhouse, the girls to their big hall and dining room. The study-hour lasts until 7. The students are left entirely alone during this time.

At 5.30 Mr. Ostermann has gone down to the dairy. With the aid of Mabizwe, the herdsman, and Moses Nkuku, a student, the eight cows have been milked, the cream separated, boiled, and made ready for shipment to Durban.

At 7 Msimang rings the big bell, and the girls come over to the schoolhouse. We have a forty-minute class then, before breakfast. Mr. Gray comes down his road, his poo-class cigarette alight—and puts out his cigarette as he nears the schoolhouse. Ostermann strolls down from the barn or goes to the Manual Training shops I run down from Hilltop, hasty because I have taken it too easy in shaving. We arrive together, and at once activity starts—algebra, school method, etc. The two native teachers have appeared late in the study-hour.

At 7.40 the students leave off and make up their beds, do their chores, etc. Nkuku goes up to Mr. Ostermann's room, Myosi to mine, Uontombe to Mr. Brueckner's, Aunie Nyembezi to Miss Conn's, etc. Each teacher has a student assigned to care for his (or her) room. We each pay our special worker £1 per semester. At 8.15 comes breakfast for the students; mealie porridge always. We of the faculty gather at Adams House for one of "Ma" Turner's fine breakfasts. About this time the bell goes again, to summon the children for practising school and for the day school across the river.

At 8.50 the bell goes again. Students come back, and all assemble in the big Standard V schoolroom for prayers. Ten minutes later the warning "second bell rings," and we start our morning exercises. A hymn, scripture reading, a short talk, a prayer, announcements come in order. If visitors are present, they are asked to speak. When Mr. LeRoy is away, we of the staff take our turns at conducting chapel—each "is predikant," as Mr. Gray puts it.

After this comes a short Bible lesson in each class; then two forty minute periods. At 11 we take a recess of fifteen minutes. After the Natal fashion, the faculty foregathers in a special room for tea, daily papers, and mail. Then come three more periods of forty minutes. Just as Mr. Ostermann's Manual Training work is all given before breakfast, my Nature Study classes are all in the last two periods, and with a double period for each class. Criticism lessons all are after recess.

At 1.15 the classes end for the day. All adjourn for lunch.

After lunch every student has to put in two hours' work. Some are "monitors," cleaning the schoolhouse; some cut cane to feed the cattle; some work in the fields; some scrub, at Jubilee; some care for the fowls; etc., etc. After that the students time is their own until supper. While some teachers liven up the boys, others take siestas,—usually Mr. Gray and I do this latter thing. Mid-afternoon sees us teachers gathered for tea at Van Gelder's, Gray's, etc.

After supper the boys at the school house and the girls in their hall have evening prayers and an hour and a half of study. Four of us teachers supervise and assist them. I spend my time at both places, aiding the Normal students. Mr. Wells, Mr. Kumalo, and Mr. Sivetye supervise their own classes. About nine o'clock all the students vanish to bed, usually singing in Zulu until they are silenced. Mr. Wells and I go up hill together. I light my pipe, and I begin work. First come tomorrow's lessons; then perhaps letters, pinning insects, etc. At twelve I turn in; all the rest are in bed before me.

Mr. Brueckner's boys, the carpenter apprentices, have a class before breakfast. All day they have practical work. They put a new roof onto Hilltop this spring, now they are putting up a Model Cottage in which the girls will keep house for a week, in turn, under Miss Cele.

Such is the bare outline of an Amanzimtoti day.

ANAX JUNIUS.

BETHEL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Adjourned annual meeting of Bethel Library Association will be held on Wednesday, April 11th, at the Library Room at half past seven o'clock.

MARY Q. HERRICK, Secretary.

AN IMPERISHABLE TRIBUTE

Bronze Tablet Placed Over Fireplace in Bethel Inn in Honor of John George Gehring, M. D.

Bethel Inn is among Inns unusual. In the spirit which dominated its inception, which wrought in its building, which led Mr. Bingham and Mr. Upson to bestow upon its appointments the intimate personal care and attention which are given to the adornments of a loved and beautiful home.

Recognition of the spirit which was the supreme motive power of its creation has recently been given noble and permanent expression in a wholly satisfying form. A superb bronze tablet five and one-half feet long and three feet wide set over the fire place in the entrance room was unveiled on Wednesday evening of last week in the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Gehring, their household, and friends.

The tablet was made at Tiffany's and is of faultless beauty. It is bordered by exquisitely modeled pine boughs and cones. That the pine from which the artist worked, was taken to New York from Dr. Gehring's own estate, makes peculiar appeal, especially to those who have loved these woods and found peace within their shade. It seems to those who know how he has made the strength of the hills, the wisdom of the woods, the life-giving touch of the soil, his adjuncts, that there could be no more significant symbol of the strength of the Beloved Physician, whose personality is thus commemorated, the strength which protects, ministers, heals and inspires.

The Inscription reads:

THIS INN STANDS AS A VISIBLE EXPRESSION
OF APPRECIATION OF AN UNUSUAL PHYSICIAN
AND OF GRATITUDE FOR THE INSPIRING PERSONALITY
SHOWN IN THE WORK OF
JOHN GEORGE GEHRING, M. D.,
AND HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE
THROUGH THE RECOGNITION OF
HORACE S. SEARS, BOSTON, MASS. ROBERT WINSOR, BOSTON, MASS.
CHARLES W. HUBBARD, BOSTON, MASS. WILLIAM J. UPSON, CLEVELAND, OHIO
WILLIAM BINGHAM, CLEVELAND, OHIO

Mr. Bingham in unveiling the bronze spoke, in the very happiest manner, as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. Gehring and friends—all of us—This little gathering is for a purpose—and may I voice that purpose.

Many here will remember but all may not know, how for almost two years after the fire which burned the old Prospect Hotel, there was no place in Bethel where the transient visitor or the summer sojourner, or the families of patients of Dr. Gehring's coming and going, or the patients themselves could be comfortably situated and well cared for.

This fact gave to a little group of men, who had each one of them either in person or in the case of their immediate families derived ineffaceable benefit from Dr. Gehring's skill, the opportunity to step in and provide a house which should be made to care for the public in every way possible, and by so doing as it would redound to the convenience of Dr. Gehring's people it would thus help to improve the conditions under which Dr. Gehring carried on his work. This was the beginning of the Bethel Inn. Mr. Upson and myself to whom the ownership has since been entrusted have never in all that we have endeavored to do to make the house a success as a public Inn, forgotten the first intention of its originators, and we have felt that the more we were able to attempt and to succeed in making its public success, that it just so much the more enhanced its useful place in Dr. Gehring's life work.

A long cherished wish then, of this group of men is to be realized this evening and it is the very great privilege of Mr. Horace S. Sears, Mr. Robert Winsor, Mr. Charles W. Hubbard all of Boston, and Mr. W. J. Upson and myself of Cleveland, to initiate here in the entrance room, what shall be a visible record, as we have borne in our hearts an invisible one, of our profound gratitude and admiration for Dr. Gehring's eminent work carried on for all these years here in Bethel.

No word said in acknowledgement of our appreciation of Dr. Gehring, would be adequately or well said without expressing our heartfelt thanks for Mrs. Gehring's untiring life of devotion and self sacrifice for us the patients.—We reverence her for it.

And so we unveil this tablet and welcome it to its place in the Inn. May it warmly greet friends and strangers coming to our door and reflect an impression of inspiration and courage the full measure of which we ourselves have received so abundantly in the past, under Dr. Gehring's care.

We hope that this evidence of our esteem may be acceptable to you Dr. Gehring.

Doing it has been a great gratification to us.

Dr. Gehring, who had been taken wholly by surprise, made eloquent and touching response, acknowledging not only the wonderful depth of feeling expressed by the two young men present, but including in appreciative recognition the absent friends whose presence would have given all that could have been desired to a memorable occasion.

To our deep regret no record of his impressive words remain,—save in the hearts of his hearers.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Miss Schoenle is arranging an entertainment to be given in Mr. Upson's Music Room on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, April third with the following program:

THE GROOVE
By George Middleton
Scene—In Greenwell Cottage
Constance Greenwell, Miss Schoenle
Sarah (the elder sister), Miss Eames
THE DUTCH DANCE
Katrinka, Miss Durkee
Hulda, Miss Frost
PLAIN MARY BROWN
By Sidney Blow
Scene—Drawing room in the Misses Hedsden Apartment
Zenobia Hedsden, Miss Martin
Miranda Hedsden, Miss Stearns
Phyllis Hedsden, Miss Sawford
Mrs. Van Siltart (aunt), Mrs. Vandekerckhoven
Julie (her maid), Miss Blanche Herrick
PANTOMIME
Easter Bonnets, Mike Schoenle

Tickets are on sale at all the stores.

NOTICE.

There will be a dance at the Orange Hall, Friday evening Mar. 30, given by the Wectatt Club. We have a sofa pillow to dispose of. Do you want it?

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Sermon appropriate to Palm Sunday next Sunday morning.

Mrs. Benj. Kimball will lead the Christian Endeavor service in the evening. Topic, "The Quiet Ways of God's Providence."

All second class Boy Scouts invited to the parsonage next Monday evening at seven o'clock. Registration fees are now due from all Scouts of Troop Two.

The new cushions for the church pews have been ordered, but the order can be added to until next Friday night.

The parsonage has a phone now, 33-12.

Rehearsals for Easter are in progress. Please be faithful in attendance. You will not regret the time you give when the glad day has come.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday, "All One In Christ."

The Y. P. C. U. have a special service next Sunday evening. Consecration Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. U. A. will be held next Monday. A proposed change in the Constitution or By-Laws will be brought up for consideration and several applications for membership will be acted upon.

The leader of the evening meeting last Sunday was Mr. E. C. Park, who gave us a fine talk on the topic.

Next Sunday evening there will be an initiation of several new members into the Young Peoples' Christian Union at the Universalist church. This service will follow the usual evening meeting. Following the initiation the Union will give a reception to the new members in the church parlor. Refreshments will be served. Members of the Union are invited to be present.

BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

Dr. R. B. Newcomb and wife of Cleveland are at the Inn for a few days.

William H. Foster, Boston, Mass., was an overnight guest at the Inn on Friday.

Judge A. E. Herrick has beaten his own record at Parlor Golf and has made the hole in "three straight" several times. Junior George and Carl Neal are trying hard to tie his record but have not been able to do so up to the present time.

Friends of Mr. William Bingham, 2nd, and Mr. William J. Upson spent a very pleasant evening at the Inn the 21st when the beautiful bronze tablet over the fireplace in the office was unveiled. Popcorn, apples and candy were served, and dancing was enjoyed.

Mr. Leon H. Cilley, Manager of Bethel Inn, was obliged to undergo another operation March 22nd. This was a great shock to his friends as it was thought he was improving daily. The last report was that his condition was satisfactory, but it will be some days before the result of the operation will be known.

Among the guests at the Inn the past week were: D. H. Miles, Portland; T. B. Taylor, Boston; I. E. Fogg, Boston; W. J. Clark, Bangor; J. Paul McCusker, Portland; Orlando Libby, Portland; A. G. Pratt, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; N. L. Purington, Portland; H. A. Woodside, "The Sunshine Man," Portland; C. F. Patten, Portland; Mayor Selbing, Portland; W. H. Marey, Lewiston.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The Bethel schools will open Monday, April 3, for a term of eleven weeks.

The Bethel Superintending School Committee will hold its regular meetings on the last Friday of each month at 4 P. M.

All members of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association are invited to meet with the Bethel Men's Club, Wednesday evening, March 28. Mr. H. A. Allan of Augusta will be the speakers of the evening.

HATCHING EGGS.

From a good laying strain of Barred Plymouth Rocks. $1.00 per setting.

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WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

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Pair bay horses, well matched, good workers or drivers, either single or double; also set of work harnesses, two horse wagon gears and hay rack, all in good condition.

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Made very neatly and at a reasonable price.

WECTATT CLUB,
Inquire of Mrs. Thomas Browne.
3-15-3t-p.

HORSES FOR SALE

including some nice teams. Inquire of M. L. THURSTON,
3-29-3t-p. Bethel, Me.

THE FLOWER SEEDS.

The government seeds, referred to in the Citizen a few weeks ago, have arrived. They are various varieties of flower seeds and no vegetable seeds. We will be glad to furnish these to any who wish and have already sent a package to each one who has applied. The following is the variety, all contained in one package: Calendula, Eschscholtzia, Mignonette, Sweet Alyssum, Poppy. Telephone or write to this office and a package will be sent.

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Heavy calked river driver shoes.

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Shoe and rubber repairing of all kinds. All work guaranteed.

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You will notice the Wooltex label in many of these garments, a sure guarantee of style and tailoring qualities.

Ladies' coats priced $9.95 to $32.50.
Girls' coats priced $3.95 to $11.45.
Suits priced $14.95 to $35.00.

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They are very beautiful this spring.

Waists come in a great range of materials and prices. Many are in the pastel shades that go nicely with any suit.

VOILE WAISTS to show you, 98c to $2.95.

Silk waists in white, black and the pastel shades so popular this season, $1.98 to $7.95.

SEPARATE SKIRTS are very popular this season in the new plaids and stripes, both silk and wool goods. Plaids to show you, $4.95 to $9.75.

Wash Goods for Spring

One of the most complete lines we have ever shown, and include Beach Cloth, Voiles, Madras, Poplins, Piques, Ginghams, Percales, Muslins. They come in all plain colors, stripes, dots and plaids and figures. Prices 15c, 19c, 25c, 39c and 50c.

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Plan to come in and look around every time you are shopping.

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NORWAY, . . . MAINE

WEST GREENWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were Sunday guests of friends in Albany.

Charlie Bergan went to Portland last week to visit friends and relatives there.

Lester and Henry Swan were at W. A. Holt's, Sunday.

Gertrude Harlington visited Misses Annie and Lillian Cross of Howe Hill, recently.

Percy Rainey returned home last week.

T. B. Burke was in town, recently.

Arthur Cross of Albany called at Tim Gill's, Sunday.

New shirt waists and neckwear at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spinney were out of the woods, Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williamson spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. F. L. Frank.

Frank Williamson traded horses with Harry King, recently.

Ross Long and Walter Atwell have finished sawing wood for Howard Bailey.

Gardner & Jellett broke camp in Ketchum last Thursday.

Small Walker was in Bethel, recently.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 30 and 31. Adv.

MASON.

Mrs. Alice Berry of West Sumner, who has been helping her daughter, Mrs. Eli Turner, returned home, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner and two little sons, Robert and Keller, of Bethel called at E. G. Turner's, Sunday

Daughters working the Satchel Handle are selling Jean Tyleetone.

Horace Tyler and family have moved to East Bethel.

Eli Turner has finished cutting pulp for L. W. Mills.

Myron Merrill has purchased the lower farm of F. I. Bean.

Mrs. W. G. Grover is quite ill at the present writing.

Mrs. I. H. Wight and daughter, Vivian, were guests of relatives in Gorham last week.

Mr. Raymond Estes and Mr. Ernest Hunt of Norway were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durell.

Mr. Ray Crockett went to the C. M. G. Hospital in Lewiston last Thursday for an operation for appendicitis. It proved to be a gas case but at last reports his condition was very favorable.

Through Mrs. Frank Kendall, Patriotic Instructor of the Woman's Relief Corps of Bethel, a fine flag has been presented by the Corps to the Bethel Library. This gift is especially timely, and at the annual meeting of the Library Association which occurs next week, arrangements will be made for the display of Old Glory above our library. The thanks of the trustees and of all patrons of the library is hereby extended to the Relief Corps for this patriotic gift.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 30 and 31. Adv.

ALBANY.

The men are to entertain the Circle, April 5. A good supper and enjoyable time is expected.

Edith and Helen Andrews have been spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Andrews.

The Churchill Bros. are cutting cord wood for Abel Andrews.

W. B. Cummings has returned from So. Paris, where he has been as jury man.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bean were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bean, Friday, it being the twentieth anniversary of their wedding.

Wm. Glover is hauling wood for Herbert Bean.

Abel Andrews recently purchased a cow of Harry McNally.

Arthur Andrews is getting his ice.

New shirt waists and neckwear at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 30 and 31, at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

Miss Mary Douglass of Gorham, N. H., was in town, Saturday, on her way to visit her brother in Upton.

Mr. C. L. Davis was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Wormell, in Portland the first of the week.

Mr. Eli Cushman has returned from a visit with his nephew and other relatives in Boston and vicinity.

John Swan has gone to Sunday River to do some carpenter work for Mr. Frank Williamson this week.

Mrs. Arael Browne entertained the Weetalt Club at her home on Vernon street, Wednesday, March 28.

Mrs. B. P. Fickett returned to her home in Bethel, Thursday, after spending a pleasant winter with relatives.

Mr. H. A. Allan, State Agent for Rural Education, will speak at the Men's Club this Wednesday evening at Bethel Inn. This will be an open meeting and ladies as well as gentlemen are invited.

Owing to business the District Deputy was unable to be present last Thursday evening and the annual inspection of the Masonic lodge will be held this Thursday evening.

In following out the custom of rewarding meritorious workmen the G. T. Ry. Co. have just presented F. E. Purrington and wife with a pass that may be used over the Eastern Division, in recognition of fifteen years of faithful and efficient service.

The Crochet Club met with Misses Helen Frost and Lena Durkee at the home of Dr. J. G. Gehring last Wednesday afternoon. Through Mrs. Gehring's kindness and hospitality one of the most enjoyable meetings of the season was held.

BETHEL and Vicinity

Lillian Grover spent Sunday in Norway.

Mrs. Fred Holt was in Lewiston, Saturday.

Miss Mary True was in Portland, Thursday.

Beatrice Swicker has returned to Maple Inn.

Mr. F. E. Purrington was in South Paris, Thursday.

Mrs. Eli Stearns was in Lewiston one day last week.

Mrs. Percy A. Chapman of Gorham was in town, Saturday.

Miss Mary Atherton was a Sunday guest of Miss L. M. Stearns.

Mrs. Robert Santoorn was a guest of Mrs. Chandler last Wednesday.

Mrs. F. E. Purrington and Mrs. C. W. Hall were in Lewiston, Tuesday.

Miss Adeline DeCoster of Norway is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Durell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook went to Portland, Monday, for a few days.

Miss Kate Howe, who has been ill at the home of her sister, is recovering.

The Ladies' Club will be omitted this week on account of the Academy Fair.

Mildred Foster from Greene is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Eli Stearns, for a few days.

Dr. E. L. Brown and family were guests of Dr. Brown's mother at Norway, Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Heath and Mrs. Albert Heath were in Norway and South Paris, Thursday.

Deputy Sheriff C. L. Davis was a business visitor in South Paris the first of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Young and son, Donald, went to Norway, Tuesday, to visit Mrs. Young's parents.

Mr. Willard Wight of U. of M. was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight Friday, on his way to his home in Berlin.

Miss A. M. Robertson returned Tuesday from Augusta, where she has been spending the winter with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Green and two children of Waterville are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bartlett.

An interesting program is being prepared for the next regular meeting of the Eastern Star to be held Wednesday evening, April 4.

Miss Dorothy McDowell of Portland and Miss Florence Chapman of Bryant's Pond were week end guests of Mrs. W. H. Young.

Mrs. Harry Inman went to Lewiston, Saturday, to accompany her son, Walter, home from the hospital. His arm is much improved.

Mrs. Alice King and little daughter, Lucille, and Gwendolyn Bartlett from Locke's Mills visited at John Swan's the last of the week.

Evelyn Chandler has been spending part of her school vacation with her grandparents, returning to Norway this Wednesday evening.

Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 30 and 31, at L. M Stearns'. Adv.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith from Sunday River visited Mrs. May Allen, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Winfield Wight of Bowdoin was the guest of Dr. I. H. Wight and family one day last week.

Miss Inez Philbrook of Greene, Me., was a Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Lovisa Philbrook, at Ceylon Rowe's.

Maj. and Mrs. John Gould of Portland came last week to spend a few days with Mrs. Gould's sisters, Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain and Mrs. H. N. Upton.

Mrs. F. E. Purrington was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Ring at Bryant's Pond last Thursday.

Mrs. Helen Tyler has finished caring for Miss E. E. Burnham and returned to her home at West Bethel.

Mrs. R. A. Skillings went to Berlin last Friday to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coffin were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young. They left for Rumford, Monday, where they are to make their home.

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"I think some mothers make a great mistake," she went on, "when they just keep in the kitchen and go about in wrappers and never fix up. I tell you, a boy don't like to introduce a mother like that. When a mother has growing sons, I think she ought to keep as young looking as possible and know what is going on and make the home attractive. She needn't be around too much, just enough to make her sons' friends know they are welcome."

Wise woman. She had struck the right keynote as to how to keep the boys at home. A pleasant home where they could have all the fun they wanted, a jolly mother whom they were proud to introduce and whom the other boys liked, one who entered into all their interests and helped them have a good time, what was loafing on the street corners in comparison to this!

And one could read between the lines as she talked and see that she had also pointed out in a common sense way that which would appeal to their judgment, the worthlessness in the bargain, she had given them something better. Even a child has more judgment and sense than he is often credited with and it pays to appeal to it. She had evidently trained them from childhood to love the genuine, to be good estimators of values. They would not be found at the stage entrance of theatres, parties to joy riders, escorting questionable women to questionable restaurants. They were able to judge these things for what they were worth and they knew by actual experience something better.

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It seems a simple way to solve the problem so many mothers worry over of how to keep the boys at home, and it is so worth while when one considers how much it means that a boy's feet shall be set on right paths.

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In a recent contest as to the causes of decrease in marriage the desire to shirk responsibility was brought forward frequently as one of the chief reasons. The men and women of today it was argued are luxury loving, ease loving, pleasure loving. They do not want to assume responsibilities that will interfere with these conditions. But is this accusation just? Isn't there a deeper and sounder reason for this seeming shirking of responsibility? Some men and women there are to be sure so wrapped up in themselves that they will avoid anything that will break in upon their own selfish pleasures and enjoyments or bring the least care or worriment. But these are not the many, they are the few. The mass of American men and women are not afraid of assuming responsibilities, indeed they take them upon themselves even joyously when they know they can manage them. They rejoice in the strength that can carry the load. But they want to feel sure they can carry the load. That's the point.

Men and women today are not shirking the responsibilities of marriage, but they are facing the outcome of these responsibilities squarely before they assume them. If they know it is impossible to fulfill the obligations marriage brings they do not plunge blindly in trusting to providence to lend a helping hand when succor is needed.

The decrease in marriage is due, to a large extent, to finances. A man knows he earns just so much. He knows house rent, and clothing, and food, and possible doctor's bills, perhaps the rearing of children, will cost so much. He doesn't shirk these responsibilities if he has the money to meet them. But between his salary and the living expenses of married life is a great gap with no means to bridge it. What he does shirk is running into debt or else inadequately providing for those dependent upon him.

This is what is lessening marriage among thinking men and women. The unthinking rush in, marry, and bring disaster upon all concerned. Their families are inadequately fed, clothed and educated. The selfish, because they really shirk responsibilities, do not marry. But the great mass of single young men and women of today are unmarried because they have looked the proposition over squarely and practically and they know they cannot pay the price, the actual price in money. They will not shirk responsibilities that are no more than they should assume; but they know it is foolishness to shoulder a load beyond their strength to carry.

MARKETING BUTTER.

Creameries Can Improve Conditions by Standardizing the Quality and Packing of Their Product.

The standardization of butter packages and the production of a more uniform quality of product are two requirements of butter markets to which creameries need to give consideration if they wish to improve conditions for the marketing of their butter, say specialists of the Office of Markets and Rural Organization of the United States Department of Agriculture in Department Bulletin 456, recently issued. On the Pacific coast a "cube" varying in capacity from 63 to 80 pounds of butter, is used. The creameries of the Middle West usually use the 63-pound ash tub, while in New England spruce tubs varying in capacity from 10 to 60 pounds are used. On the Pacific coast a long, flat carton is used as a consumer's package, while in New England a flat, rather broad carton is used. In the Middle West a standard carton is 2 1-4 by 2 1-4 by 3 3-8 inches is used.

At certain seasons the market specialists found on the markets an increasing quantity of an inferior quality of butter which is known as "undergrades." This inferior quality, if developed, is often due to the use of cream of poor quality and, to some extent, to faulty methods of manufacture. The more common faults observed in the quality of this butter were soft, leaky, open body; too much or not enough salt; too high or too light color; metallic flavors; high acid, unclean, and old cream flavors; streaks and mottles; mold on butter, also moldy and dirty packages. Butter possessing such faults, although not always classed as "undergrades," is often discriminated against by the critical buyer. During those seasons when the market receipts are heavy and the market is weak such butter can be moved only at low prices, and often sells at 6 to 8 cents below the better grades.

In the shipment of butter to market, according to the bulletin, country creameries situated close together may often effect economies in transportation by cooperating in obtaining special scheduled "pick up" refrigerator car service and by assembling local shipments into carload lots which may be shipped at lower freight costs.

Many country creameries, it was found, consigned their butter to wholesale butter receivers who often function as jobbers, while the tendency among the larger creameries and, to some extent, among smaller ones, is to distribute directly to the retailer. The grading and handling of bulk butter would be greatly facilitated, it is pointed out by the experts, if the consecutive numbers of the different churnings of a creamery were stamped on the containers.

Approximately one tenth of the butter received in the larger markets is placed in cold storage, the bulletin states, and is held for an average period of six months. The cost of storing butter approximates one fourth of a cent per pound per month. In the market distribution of creamery butter there is at present a tendency toward the more general use of consumers' packages, usually of the 1 pound size.

It is pointed out by the specialists that the establishment of brands is essential for effective advertising. Salesmanship is also a vital factor in successful market distribution. It is highly important in marketing a branded product that a sanitary and attractive package be used and that a certain standard of quality in the product be maintained.

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The experience of one woman, given herewith, is typical of thousands of letters that reach the Peruna Company from grateful friends who have found their homes incomplete, and their family safety in danger without PERUNA.

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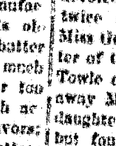
Sick Children Made Well

Worms sap the health and vitality of your child. Familiar symptoms of worm are: Deranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional griping and pains about the navel, pale face of leaden tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.



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Mrs. Geo. Illiten, of Wells, Me., writes: "I am so glad to recommend your Dr. True's Elixir." She used it for her baby girl. At all dealers, 35c, 85c and $1.

Write to us for further information.

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CANTON

A quiet wedding took place Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Rose of Canton, when Wallace W. Rose and Mrs. Addie B. Shackley, both of Canton, were united in marriage by Miss L. B. Treadwell, pastor of the United Baptist church, the single ring service being used. Mr. and Mrs. Rose have been life-long residents of Canton and have the good wishes of many friends.

Mrs. J. E. Hamlen of Lewiston, a returned missionary from India, occupied the pulpit at the United Baptist church, Sunday, most acceptably. Mrs. Hamlen is the wife of Dr. Geo. Hamlen, who preached here a few weeks ago. Her sermon was helpful and inspiring.

Mrs. M. B. Packard has returned from an extended visit in Portland. Her little grandson, Mellen Brooks Potter, returned with her for a visit.

Mrs. Frank L. Walker is ill with pneumonia and has a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Oldham have been guests of Wm. B. Russell and wife of South Paris.

Andrew Jackson Dailey, an aged resident of Canton Point, passed away Saturday evening after a few days illness, at the home of Mrs. Nancy Dailey, with whom he had made his home this winter. Mr. Dailey was born in Canton and had always lived here. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Dailey and was 83 years of age. He married Miss Jerusha Capen, who passed away March 10, 1914. They had four children, James, Maurice, Mary and George, the two latter being twins, George passed away when fourteen years of age, and seven or eight years ago, James, Maurice and Mary passed away of typhoid fever within a week. Mr. Dailey was a worthy member of Canton Grange and of the Methodist church. He is survived by one grandchild, Beatrice Dailey of Madrid, one sister, Mrs. Hannah Adkins of Portland, five nieces and nine nephews.

The news of the death of Curtis E. Adkins of Amesbury, Mass., caused much sadness among his friends in Canton, where he was well and favorably known. He passed away at a hospital, March 18, following a surgical operation for an ulcer in the stomach. Mr. Adkins was born in Livermore and was about 52 years of age. He was the eldest son of William E. and Betsey Barker Adkins, who for many years were residents of Canton, where the deceased spent his boyhood and early manhood. When a young man he went to Amesbury, Mass., and later his parents moved there. He was employed for many years in the Amesbury National Bank, but late years has devoted his time to farming. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Georgiana D. Towle, only daughter of George F. and Rebecca DeCoster Towle of Canton. Mrs. Adkins passed away May 15, 1898, leaving an infant daughter, Georgiana Beatrice, who was but four days old. A few years ago he married Miss Julia Floyd of Southampton, N. H., who passed away in January, 1914, also leaving a little daughter, Elizabeth. Besides his two daughters, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Celestia A. Bamford of Livermore Falls, Miss Elma Adkins, who resides with her brother, and Mrs. Nettie Congdon of Waltham, Mass., also one brother, Adelbert Adkins of Amesbury. Another sister, Esther, passed away when a young girl.

Miss L. B. Treadwell is confined to her home by illness.

The Canton schools closed last week for one week.

The Misses Eunice and Violet Chase of Livermore Falls are guests of their grandmother, Mrs. B. C. Ludden and family.

Miss Ada Bonney is at home from Ithaca College for the spring vacation.

Mrs. E. W. Howe of Rumford was in town, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Ellis are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, March 21st.

Miss Gertrude Berry of Berry's Mills has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Alvin Morse, and substituting in the primary school while Miss Allen was absent at East Dixfield attending the golden wedding of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Albion Hall.

A meeting of the milk producers association was held here Wednesday and H. E. Parsons chosen as delegate to attend a meeting in Auburn.

Miss Ethel Russell is at home from Auburn for a vacation.

The Misses Eleanor and Ruth Fogg are guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Carson.

The Ocean Park Club met last week with Mrs. Alvin S. Morse.

Swasey Wadlin is at home from the U. of M. for a ten days' vacation.

Frank Buzzell and family have moved from Canton Point to one of the Smith rents on Lake street.

George Lavergna, a student at Hebron Academy, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marco Lavergna.

Joseph Childs of Hartford is ill with pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Percy Dearborn, of Gibb's Mills, Livermore.

Donald Bonney, who has been employed in Washington, D. C., for the past five months, has returned home.

Three candidates were initiated at the last meeting of John A. Hodge Relief Corps and light refreshments were served.

A short entertainment was enjoyed at the meeting of Ponemah Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening.

Mrs. J. F. Hollis is in Boston for a few days.

Mrs. Mary Foster has been quite ill and her sister, Mrs. Evelyn Dunn, has been assisting in her care.

Mrs. Elva Haines and Miss Lena McCollister of Mexico have been guests of their brother, R. E. McCollister, and sister, Mrs. Margery Weld and families. Fred Tripp went home with them for a visit.

A social was held at Canton Point, Friday evening.

Dr. Wm. J. Mayberry of Saco has been a guest at the home and Mrs. Mary B. French and daughter.

Alvin Goddard has been attending court at South Paris the past week.

Miss Martha Paine is ill at the home of Wallace Cowan of the Point.

Miss Vera Adams is at home from Rangeley, where she has been teaching.

Wm. Hayden is at home from Rumford for a vacation.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. Ralph King and baby visited with relatives in Bethel, Friday.

Mrs. Lester Tebbets was a week end guest of relatives at Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Joslin of Norway visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davis, Sunday.

Sidney Howe of Hanover was in town, Sunday.

Henry Morgan has moved his family to Greenwood City.

Mrs. Geo. Tirrell is quite ill at this writing.

Stanley Wheeler of South Paris was in town on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Elbridge Crocker of Bryant's Pond has been helping her daughter, Mrs. Henry Morgan, for a few days.

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Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	$ 9,618.53
Mortgage Loans,	2,771,370.00
Collateral Loans,	15,480.00
Stocks and Bonds,	5,965,997.50
Cash in Office and Bank,	2,823,203.68
Agents' Balances,	1,549,132.63
Bills Receivable and Suspense Accounts,	18,925.59
Interest and Rents,	170,169.75
All other Assets,	118,013,030.97
Gross Assets,	$131,343,397.03
Deduct Items not admitted,	44,772.53
Admitted Assets,	$131,298,624.50

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$3,022,519.51
Unearned Premiums,	4,426,592.78
All other Liabilities,	103,964,178.91
Cash Capital,	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	13,885,333.30
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$131,298,624.50

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THE AUTOMOBILE INS. CO., OF HARTFORD, CONN.

650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Mortgage Loans,	$145,100.00
Collateral Loans,	226,750.00
Bonds,	1,393,380.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	522,667.04
Agents' Balances,	288,697.01
Bills Receivable and Suspense Accounts,	2,027.09
Interest and Rents,	23,842.10
All other Assets,	6,236.33
Gross Assets,	$2,778,020.57
Deduct Items not admitted,	29,187.38
Admitted Assets,	$2,748,832.19

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses,	$180,566.98
Unearned Premiums,	776,906.71
All other Liabilities,	82,504.14
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	708,854.36
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$2,748,832.19

Arthur L. Orne, Rockland.
The Talbot Ins. Agency, Camden.

GREAT EASTERN CASUALTY CO.,

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	$170,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	959,250.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	100,091.37
Agents' Balances,	109,053.34
Interest Accrued,	12,142.16
Gross Assets,	$1,291,487.03
Admitted Assets,	$1,291,487.03

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$138,533.62
Unearned Premiums,	421,455.93
All other Liabilities,	35,413.53
Cash Capital,	350,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	396,073.90
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$1,291,487.03

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917.

NEW ENGLAND MILK PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION.

The committee of the New England Milk Producers' Association won a notable victory last week in the adoption of a system for the sound reorganization of the business on which permanent prosperity can be built. At the same time what is really an advance of 37 per cent over last summer's price was achieved. The committee stood with absolute determination for the reforms it demanded, and a specific enumeration of the advantages gained would include:

1. Recognition of the N. E. M. P. A. by the contractors, who are willing to deal with the organization in arranging terms of contracts, prices and all matters affecting the producers' interests. Any complain of or difficulty with the producers shall be referred to the association and no farmer shall be disciplined in any way until after the facts have been put before the association.

2. The contractors agree to pay over to the association whatever is agreed on between the producers and the association. This saves the expense of collecting annual dues and distributes the expense so that none will feel it.

3. The contractors agree to open their books for a study of purchases and sales with a view to controlling surplus.

4. The contractors agree that prices shall vary according to the cost of transportation, the system applying at once to old line territory.

5. Uniform premiums throughout the purchasing territory.

6. Contractors agree to cooperate with the association in bringing about improved transportation and economy.

7. Contractors agree to cooperate with the association for the establishment of a uniform style of contract and length of contract period.

8. The association agrees to cooperate with the distributors to, as large as possible, equalize production by educating producers to make milk at times when the market most wants milk.

9. The association, through approved publicity methods, will acquaint the public with the cost of production and the necessity that farmers shall receive enough to pay them to make it.

10. The association agrees to do all in its power to popularize and increase the use of milk.

11. The contractors will pay for milk at country stations a price graded according to months on the same basis as last year, which, according to the transportation rates, will average 37 per cent over the price paid last year. This per cent will vary according to the new transportation rates.

12. The long haul milk will receive an equivalent increase over last year's price to the increase paid on old line territory. In addition, where milk is bought on a weight and test basis, the excess of butter fat will be paid for at the rate of 2 1-2 cents per point of additional test, instead of 2 cents as last year.

13. All questions arising under contracts or in any way dealing with the production are to be referred to the N. E. M. P. A. for adjustment before action is taken.

LIFE'S MOTTO.

If life were one crowd, it were over soon enough
To keep in thoughtful and calm attune
The skies and grasses of pathways enough,
That God so sprinkles on to the grass
Spirits as real and crown as rare,
Lives on just that pace can make;
Would the sullen ones hearts are
Would die sullen when hearts are
strong.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A TRUE HERO.

Digest

He is no more a hero in God's sight,
Who does the daily duty of an upright
Life bravely, as he who by sword and
shield
Wins a crown on the battle-field.
The sword of victory and the world's
applause,
Fighting for earth's, God's, man's or
heaven's cause,
Many may be wont such gain,
Are few,
While God calls good it is harder to do
That task than other greatness. For
guerdon,
It has only soul heroic and serene.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, } ss.
Lucas County,

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

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Phebe M. Buxton, late of Bethel, deceased: will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of John M. Gould and Julia B. Perry as executors thereof, they being named as such in the will, presented by John M. Gould one of said executors. The appointment to be made without bond, according to said will.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

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Maria Garey late of Greenwood, deceased; petition that James A. Berry or some other suitable person be appointed as administrator of the estate of said deceased presented by said James A. Berryment, son.

Charles C. Farwell late of Bethel, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by H. M. Farwell, administrator.

Alice A. Reife late of Norway, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by J. Frank Quimby, the executor therein named.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Zenas W. Bartlett late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

JOHN REED.

March 26th, 1917. 3 29 3t.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Louise C. Hastings late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

HENRY H. HASTINGS.

March 26th, 1917. 3 29 3t.

The grass this morning, said we, too,
That hung without a drop of dew,
And the blue sunflower, flying low
Across the river, to and fro.
So all these told her very plain
That are the evening it would rain:
But who told them, and when and how
That's what I want to find out now.

BUY, NOT BUY IT IS MAINE

ASSESSORS' NOTICE.

The Assessors of the Town of Bethel hereby give notice to all persons liable to taxation in said town, that they will be in session at Selectmen's office in said Town, on the 2nd day of April, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of receiving lists of the polls and estates taxable in said town.

All such persons are hereby notified to make and bring to said Assessors true and perfect list of their polls and all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, which they were possessed of, or which they held as guardian, executor, administrator, trustee or otherwise, on the first day of April, 1917 and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same.

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FRANK A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. B. HOWE,
Assessors.

Date Posted, March 24, 1917.

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L. E. WIGHT,
F. I. FRENCH,
P. O. IRISH,
Assessors of Newry.

Date Posted, March 24, 1917.

EAST PERU.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harlow entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alvo G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jacques and Hazel and Elwood Kidder. Cards were enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Sunshine Circle met with Mrs. B. C. Kidder last Tuesday.

John Russell has sold his oxen.

Sybil Kidder has been spending a week at Rumford with her aunt, Mrs. Nellie Harriman.

Mrs. Benjamin Bigelow has been on a visit to friends at Lewiston.

Mrs. L. O. Babb recently visited her aunt, Mrs. Monroe Peabody, at Dix Mill.

Eugene Haines and wife of Rumford were recent guests of W. S. Haines and wife.

Edwin Staples is selling cord wood for H. D. Packard and boarding at Fred Cunningham's.

Mrs. I. P. Brown is spending the school vacation at Lewiston.

Quite a number from this place attended the auction at Claude Brown's in Dixfield.

A. L. Oldham of Hartford was a A. L. Harlow's one day last week.

WEST PERU.

Rev. Osborne of Fairfield has been here, holding meetings among the Seventh Day people.

Mrs. Bernard Putnam is gaining and gets up a while each day.

Friends of Mrs. Bert Keen are sorry to hear of her illness from a stroke of paralysis.

Deforest Putnam and Hiram Washburn are working at Dixfield.

Mrs. Linnie Andrews is working at H. G. Putnam's.

Maurice Tracy has gone back to his

60 Bushels of 45-pound Oats Per Acre Without Potash

This marvelous yield could only be obtained by the use of the best plant foods known.

Essex Organic Fertilizers, made out of **Bone, Blood, Meat** and high-grade chemicals, are nature's own plant foods in highly concentrated and productive form.

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INSURANCE

NORWAY, MAINE

Statements of a Few Companies Represented

THE CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE CO., HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	$664,500.00
Collateral Loans,	20,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	5,247,724.35
Cash in Office and Bank,	918,294.35
Agents' Balances,	499,084.05
Bills Receivable,	77,661.04
Interest and Rents,	81,184.08
All other Assets,	8,285.80
Gross Assets,	$7,517,735.47
Deduct Items not admitted,	297,855.63
Admitted Assets,	$7,219,879.84

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$312,927.63
Unearned Premiums,	3,978,058.47
All other Liabilities,	192,893.83
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,836,963.91
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$7,219,879.84

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	$2,269,537.57
Mortgage Loans,	37,635,663.15
Collateral Loans,	363,710.00
Stocks and Bonds,	58,359,910.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	3,739,534.00
Agents' Balances,	85,525.43
Bills Receivable,	22,017.95
Interest and Rents,	1,816,909.23
All other Assets,	17,747,612.86
Gross Asset,	$115,801,158.93
Deduct Items not admitted,	785,883.31
Admitted Assets,	$115,087,275.47

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$1,191,720.51
Unearned Premiums,	131,483.10
All other Liabilities,	98,825,107.74
Cash Capital,	6,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	8,916,964.07
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$115,087,275.47

Elmer L. Lovejoy, Agent, Rumford Falls, Me.

NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO., OF CHICAGO, ILL.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	$285,850.00
Collateral Loans,	97,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	411,373.75
Cash in Office and Bank,	86,775.18
Agents' Balances,	47,296.21
Bills Receivable,	9,127.50
Interest and Rents,	18,981.42
Gross Assets,	$979,491.06
Deduct Items not admitted,	51,666.47
Admitted Assets,	$877,827.59

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$153,600.00
Unearned Premiums,	215,581.17
All other Liabilities,	43,325.41
Cash Capital,	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	215,054.31
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$877,827.59

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Worms Make Children Fretful

Children suffering from worms are dull and irritable, pony and weak, often grind their teeth and cry out in sleep, being a constant source of worry to their parents. Kickapoo Worm Killer is a mild laxative remedy in candy tablet form that children like to take. Promptly effective, it kills and removes the worm from the system. Irregular appetite and bowel movement, lack of interest in play are sure signs of worms. Relieve your child of this trouble this evening. Adv.

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Prices, shipping tags, dressing, packing and shipping instructions, etc., sent free.

THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	$455,553.00
Collateral Loans,	28,100.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,679,736.62
Cash in Office and Bank,	87,308.35
Bills Receivable,	19.60
Interest and Rents,	45,567.67
All other Assets,	368,184.50
Gross Assets,	$3,664,469.74
Deduct items not admitted,	139,691.84
Admitted Assets,	$3,524,777.90

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$482,211.26
Unearned Premiums,	1,176,456.52
All other Liabilities,	169,696.11
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	696,414.01
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$3,524,777.90

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MIDDLESEX MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO., CONCORD, MASS., INCORPORATED MARCH 3, 1826.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	$26,189.35
Mortgage Loans,	27,625.00
Stocks and Bonds,	495,983.84
Cash in Office and Bank,	4,062.52
Agents' Balances,	18,880.07
Interest and Rents Accrued,	5,796.94
All other Assets,	19,280.65
Gross Assets,	$600,817.47
Deduct Items not admitted,	18,318.50
Admitted Assets,	$582,498.97

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$8,077.67
Unearned Premiums,	317,259.29
All other Liabilities,	4,858.18
Surplus over all Liabilities,	252,303.81
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$582,498.97

The unused part of the premium is returned to the policyholder at expiration. For over 40 years, not less than 20 per cent has been returned on one-year policies, 40 per cent on three-year policies, and 60 per cent on five-year policies. 3-15-3t—F

SPRING COLDS ARE DANGEROUS

Sudden changes of temperature and underwear bring spring colds with stuffed up head, sore throat and general cold symptoms. A dose of Dr. King's New Discovery is sure relief, this happy combination of antiseptic balsams clears the head, soothes the irritated membranes and what might have been a lingering cold is broken up. Don't stop treatment when relief is first felt as a half cured cold is dangerous. Take Dr. King's New Discovery till your cold is gone. Adv

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN

Mark Twain
A Real American

Mark Twain was a steamboat pilot. He was a searcher for gold in the far west. He was a printer. He worked bitterly hard. All this without a glimpse of the great destiny that lay before him. Then, with the opening of the great wide west, Mark Twain's genius bloomed. He had found his great place.

His fame spread through the nation. It flew to the ends of the earth, till his work was translated into strange tongues. From then on, the path of fame lay straight to the high places.

The world has asked is there an American literature? Mark Twain is the answer. He is the heart, the spirit of America. From the poor and struggling boyhood to his glorious, splendid old age, he remained as simple, as democratic as the plainest of our forefathers.

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25 VOLUMES Novels, Stories, Humorous Essays, Travels, History

Before the war we had a contract price for paper, so we could sell this set of Mark Twain at a reduced price.

The last of the edition is in sight. The price of paper has gone up. There can be no more Mark Twain at the present price.

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Name .....

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Often goes with IN

If you eat a hearty meal at night, especially if tired at the end of a hard day, and then go to bed after eating quietly for a while, troubled sleep is quite likely to follow. If you take a brisk walk of thirty or forty minutes in good, pure air before retiring you are less likely to suffer from disturbed sleep.

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Mr. Buxton says: "My kidneys had been disordered for some time. I suffered a great deal from pains across the small of my back. The kidney secretions were also irregular in passage and I was bothered a great deal by dizziness. A friend of mine had used Doan's Kidney Pills with fine results and I was led to try them. The results were certainly satisfactory and I was entirely cured in a very short time." (Statement given July 21, 1911).

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Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Buxton has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Adv.

The E. K. Day Company held their grand Easter opening on Saturday, March 24th, for the display and spring sale of Easter finery. Fine music was furnished afternoon and evening by an orchestra composed of Marie Bartlett, violinist; Robert Wyman, drums; Archie Felt, cornetist, and Miss Hattie Isaacson, piano.

Mr. Lewis E. Small, former deputy sheriff, has accepted a position in the Oxford mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris (Miss Eleanor Hawley) are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, born Sunday at the McCarty Hospital.

Cheney Block situated on the corner of Congress and Exchange streets, which was so badly destroyed by fire Feb. 18, is to be thoroughly repaired and renovated at once. Stephen R. Pennell has the job, lumber has been ordered, and it is expected the work will be completed during the month of April, so that stores and offices may be reopened May 1st. The hardware stock of the Stanley Bisbee and Company store has been sold to Walter Hicks and Stephen Pennell who have bought out the Stanley Bisbee interests, and who will run the hardware store in future under the firm name of Hicks and Pennell. Mr. Hicks has been for many years chief clerk for the Stanley Bisbee Company, and is thoroughly familiar with the business, while Mr. Pennell is a contractor and builder with many friends in town. Stanley Bisbee, former owner, who retires from the business on account of ill health, plans to go to his camp at Rangeley Lake as soon as the season opens to devote his time to rest and recuperation. He will be much missed from the street, where his genial personality and pleasant greetings have won him many friends.

Construction work is to be resumed at once on the federal building and same carried forward to completion as soon as possible. Men and materials are being assembled for that purpose.

Mrs. Edward S. Kennard of Knox street is in Portland for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dix of Ashland, Mass., are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Dix was before her marriage, Miss Orissa Bunditt of this town, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bunditt.

REAL ESTATE AND SUMMER HOME ISSUES.

On Saturday, March 31 and April 7, the Boston Evening Transcript will print a generous amount of reading matter which will be of much interest to real estate owners in New England, investors and those who lease or have summer homes at the seashore, mountains or country.

Anyone having a house, farm, cottage or desirable location for sale or exchange, or a summer place to rent for the season, will do well to secure advertising space in these issues, for they will have a wide circulation among interested people all over the United States.

WHY NOT BUY IT IN MAINE?

ANDOVER

At the special town meeting Monday Sheridan Richards was elected as third selectman to take the place of Frank Newton, resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hanson and daughter, Adelia, from Rumford were guests Sunday of Y. A. Thurston and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marston entertained the Ladies' Aid, Wednesday afternoon, March 21. Sixteen members were present. Refreshments of ice cream, fancy crackers and cake were served by the hostess.

Neal Bodwell, Henry Roberts, John Warren and Bert Berry, who have been working at Aziscoos for the Thurston Bros., have returned to Andover.

Four young people united with the Congregational church, Sunday.

Sunday evening there were pictures on electricity which were greatly enjoyed.

Fred Smith and wife and Fred Hutchins entertained the Ancient and Honorable Whist Club, Saturday evening at C. A. Rand's rooms.

J. E. Akers is repairing his house that was damaged by fire. Willard Newhall is doing the work.

Lawrence Parsons has finished working for Ray Thurston and with his wife is boarding at Lucien Akers'.

Sidney Abbott, who underwent a critical operation at McCarty's Hospital, recently, is getting along nicely.

Irene Abbott, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walter Hanson, at Peru, is visiting Mrs. Irving Hanson at Rumford this week.

Ralph Heway is at home from Brunswick for the Easter recess.

Mrs. Gertrude Smith of East Andover was the guest of Mrs. John Heway, recently.

Y. A. Thurston came from his lumbering operations at Aziscoos Friday with sixteen horses.

The high school closed Friday of last week for a week's vacation.

John Zale was in town on business Saturday of last week.

Lester Thurston, who is attending school at Orono, is spending the Easter vacation with his parents, Ralph Thurston and wife.

Miss Beatrice Porter of Auburn, formerly of Andover, left Tuesday, March 20, for Rusville, New York, where she has an excellent position as physical instructor. For two years Miss Porter has been successful in her work as physical director in the public schools of Auburn. She was graduated from the Posse School of Gymnastics, Boston, and for several summers was director of playground work in Auburn.

Word was received in town last week of the death of Mrs. Servia Newton, widow of the late Lambert Newton of Andover, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas French of Rumford. The remains were carried to Litchfield for burial.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church gave a musical and literary entertainment at the church, Wednesday evening.

Barbara Cushman, who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia, has returned home.

Cecil Sweatt and friend from the Maine State College at Orono, are spending their vacation with Mr. Sweatt's parents, Clayton Sweatt and wife.

Some of the farmers have begun making maple honey.

Mrs. Elwyn Akers visited her sister, Mrs. Malvina Beloil, recently.

Roger Thurston, who has been at Aziscoos the past winter, returned to Andover, Friday.

Lone Mt Grange will hold its regular meeting, Saturday.

GILEAD.

Attractive display of new goods at L. M. Stearns', Mar. 30 and 31. Adv.

Mrs. Josephine Wheeler returned home from Gorham, N. H., last Sunday after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Harriman.

Roy Ayerbugh has gone to Shelburne, N. H., to work on C. A. Chandler's farm.

Mrs. John Richardson and son, Carl, were in Berlin, N. H., last Thursday.

Earl Coffin has gone to Rumford, where he has employment.

Mrs. Frank Heath of Bethel has been visiting relatives in this vicinity.

There were Catholic services held at the schoolhouse last Sunday.

Mr O'Neal Milk and wife have moved into the rent which has been vacated by Earl Coffin and family.

Frank Coffin was a visitor in Berlin, N. H., last Friday.

The village school opened last Monday with Mrs. Harlan Wheeler of Portland as teacher.

Jeffery Lester has gone to Berlin, N. H., where he will attend school for the summer.

Miss Mary Dolan of Berlin, N. H., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dolan at the Brown farm.

New shirt waists and neckwear at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

WEST PARIS

The First Universalist Parish held its annual meeting Tuesday evening and although the rain was pouring there was a good number out. The tables were filled in Good Will Hall by members and their families who enjoyed the supper and social hour previous to the meeting. At 7.30 the meeting was called to order by the Moderator and the following officers reelected:

Moderator—Fred E. Wheeler, M. D.
Clerk—Lester H. Penley.
Treasurer—Lewis C. Bates.
Trustees—Lewis C. Bates, F. E. Wheeler, M. D., Edward D. Stilwell.
Chorister—Delia H. Lane.

An unanimous call was given Rev. Dwight A. Ball to remain with the Society another year. Rev. Mr. Ball has been here five years and during the time a steady increase in the church and its auxiliaries has been made. Although many deaths have occurred among the active church workers and many prominent families have moved away. Mr. Ball did not give a positive decision to remain as he has received other more advantageous offers to go to other pastorates. Delegates were elected to the State Convention and other business transacted. Twelve new members joined the parish. Delegates to State Convention at Rockland: Abner H. Mann, Mrs. Mary Stetson, Mrs. Ada Barden, and Mrs. Lewis Mann.

Mrs. John Crawford is visiting Mrs. Melinda Tuell.

Mrs. Mary E. Stetson and son, Lorraine, were in Norway, Monday.

Rev. G. H. Hamlin preached at the Baptist church, Sunday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Augusta (Perkins) Wyman, wife of Freeman L. Wyman of Woodstock, died at her home Monday night. She had been in feeble health for a long time but able to be around until this winter. She was the daughter of Daniel and Drusilla (Fuller) Perkins, and was born in Woodstock. Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Perley Wyman, a daughter, Cora wife of William H. Lurvey, died several years ago. One sister, Mrs. Hannah Bryant, survives.

She was a member of the Free Baptist church, Onward Rebekah Lodge, West Paris Grange and South Wood stock Willing Workers. She was an estimable Christian woman.

Spring really seems to have come, the robins, crows and other birds have come to join the birds already here.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Baptist church will holds its annual sale and entertainment, Thursday evening, March 29. The articles on sale will be aprons, fancy work, food and candies. The entertainment will consist of vocal and instrumental music and the farce, "Local and Long Distance." Those who take the different parts are:

George Davis, Jr., home from Yale, Alanson Cummings
Mrs. Davis, his mother, Mrs. Minnie Day
Neighbors:
Mrs. Brown, Mrs. May Emery
Mary Stewart Jones, Delia Cole
Mrs. White, Alice Berry
Miss Slade, Mrs. Mary Stetson
Kitty Parsons, Hazel Cole

J. B. Tucker has been very ill, but is more comfortable at this time.

Mrs. Emma W. Rose spent the week end in Portland.

Mrs. H. W. Dunham is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. W. W. Dunham has recently purchased a new piano.

"The Old Folks" had another enjoyable dance, Friday evening, under the auspices of Pine Tree Club. Ice cream was on sale.

G. W. Ethridge has moved his family from Auburn and will occupy the lower rent in Mrs. Bicknell's house. The Ethridge family lived here about a year ago, and moved from here to Auburn.

Friday was something of an unlucky day at Mann's mill. Leon Hadley saw off his finger badly, and Harold Mann got a finger badly jammed. Each man required the services of a physician.

H. H. Wardwell has fitted a rent in his house, and Fred Smith expects to occupy it.

Edward Bonham went to Portland Saturday morning, to spend a two weeks' vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow.

The schools closed Friday for the spring vacation, and the teachers went to their homes.

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CROCKERY. Splendid assortment—white plates, nappies, and small platters, 5c each—Decorated cups and saucers, 9c. All sizes plates, 9c; gold band—extra fine finish, 10c for any size plate—oval platters, large size, 39c, value 45c. Blue and gold plates, cups and saucers, entree and cut meats, 9c each. Large pieces marked down. Do you want any?

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Men's silk four-in-hand ties, large variety, 19c—value 50c; bow ties, 8c; long slip-on the button silk ties, 19c.

EASTER CARDS and Booklets, very cheap. Boys' books, 9c.

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WEST BETHEL.

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Mrs. Effie Hall, who has been visiting friends for a number of weeks, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Lucy Cushing is staying with Miss Octavia Grover.

Mrs. Stephen Wentworth visited her sister, Mrs. Archie Hutchinson, Tuesday.

On the 17th of March, Thadeus Luxton hauled 3 1-2 cords of birch and hard wood at one load from Mason to the mill at West Bethel with Mr. Hutchins' span of black horses.

Mrs. Maude O'Reilly returned Tuesday from her visit in Boston and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurston from Bethel village visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston, Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh Thurston was in Bethel village, Tuesday.

Mrs. L. E. Allen went to Boston, Saturday.

The roads are in bad condition owing to the depth of snow and the warm days and rain.

Mrs. Helen Tyler returned to her home, Saturday, from Bethel village.

Mrs. Sadie Vashaw has been ill with a bad throat.

There was no Grange meeting Tuesday evening.

New shirt waists and neckwear at L. M. Stearns'. Adv.

BOSTON INSURANCE COMPANY,
87 Kilby St., Boston Mass.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	$513,673.92
Mortgage Loans,	399,800.00
Stocks and Bonds,	5,036,755.55
Cash in Office and Bank,	574,770.88
Agents' Balances,	870,587.35
Bills Receivable,	49,792.97
Interest and Rents,	37,956.42
All other Assets,	71,178.27
Gross Assets,	$8,554,625.36
Deduct Items not admitted,	470,146.79
Admitted Assets,	$8,184,478.50

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$1,334,433.60
Unearned Premiums,	2,016,341.68
All other Liabilities,	361,518.42
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	3,532,237.80
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$8,184,478.50

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LONDON & LANCASHIRE FIRE INS. CO., Ltd., Liverpool, England.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Real Estate,	$200,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	3,231,031.13
Cash in Office and Bank,	724,964.88
Agents' Balances,	732,441.01
Bills Receivable,	1,878.41
Interest and Rents,	32,220.08
All other Assets,	451,432.52
Gross Assets,	$5,597,777.61
Deduct Items not admitted,	578,780.57
Admitted Assets,	$5,020,996.99

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses,	$216,744.00
Unearned Premiums,	2,417,572.00
All other Liabilities,	74,581.21
Capital,	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	312,099.78
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$5,020,996.99

THE MASONIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.
Assets Dec. 31, 1916

Stocks and Bonds,	$197,115.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	109,872.20
Interest and Rents,	7,912.57
Gross Assets,	$314,899.77
Deduct Items not admitted,	3,147.15
Admitted Assets,	$311,752.62

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916

Net Unpaid Losses,	$199,716.47
Unearned Premiums,	14,999.67
All other Liabilities,	19,798.49
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	177,237.99
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$511,752.62

GENERAL INDEMNITY CORPORATION OF AMERICA, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.
Assets Dec 31, 1916

Stock and Bonds (Book Values),	$37,710.91
Cash in Office and Banks,	17,307.71
Bills Receivable,	417.50
Interest and Rents,	6,338.13
Gross Assets,	$111,774.75
Admitted Assets,	$111,774.75

Liabilities Dec 31, 1916

Unearned Premiums,	$82,735.53
All other Liabilities, Tax Reserve,	301.71
Cash Capital,	200,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	158,737.51
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$111,774.75

POEMS WORTH READING

"GOD'S WAY."

"God's way is not our way."
Over an easy road,
Singing we would ride.
God knows how the path goes
That leads to his abode,
In the mansion glorified,
Day by day,
We move onward,
In God's way.

"God's way is not our way."
Along the level lands,
Singing we would glide.
God knows where the path goes,
He, only, understands,
The hills on the hither side.
Day by day,
We climb upward,
In God's way.

"God's way is not our way."
Through fields for ever green,
Singing, we would pass.
God knows where the path goes,
To the shore unseen,
We know not, alas,
Till that day
When we reach it
In God's way.

Julia Harris May.

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THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE AND DEATH.

Beautiful faces are those that wear—
It matters little if dark or fair—
Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful eyes are those that show,
Like crystal panes where hearth-fires glow
Beautiful thoughts that burn below.

Beautiful lips are those whose words
Leap from the heart like the beaks of birds
Yet whose utterance prudence girds.

Beautiful hands are those that do
Work that is earnest, and brave, and true,
Moment by moment a long life through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindly ministries to and fro—
Down lowliest ways, if God wills it so.

Beautiful shoulders are those that bear
Cheerless burdens of homely care
With patient grace and daily prayer

Beautiful lives are those that bless—
Silent rivers of happiness,
Whose hidden fountains but few may guess.

Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
Beautiful goal with race well won,
Beautiful rest with work well done.

Beautiful graves where grasses creep,
Where brown leaves fall, where drifts lie deep
Over worn-out hands—oh, beautiful sleep!

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OPTIMISM.

There was never a sunbeam lost, and never a drop of rain;
There was never a carol sweet, that was sung, and rung in vain;
There was never a noble thought, but through endless years it lives;
And never a blacksmith's blow, but an endless use it gives.

There was never a child's full laugh, or a woman's cheerful word,
That did not exalt the state where its tones were felt and heard.
Know, then, that it still holds true from the skies to the humblest soil,
That there is no wasted love and there is no wasted toil!

Marguerite Ogden Bigelow in Man's Magazine.

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THE CHEMISTRY OF CHARACTER.

John and Peter, and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all.
John was a statesman, and Peter a thief;
Robert a preacher, and Paul was a leader
Full of good, as the case might be,
While on earth as last or first to free.
John and Peter, Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all

Out of Earth's elements, mingled with flame,
Out of Life's compound of glory and shame,
Fashioned and shaped by no will of their own
And helplessly into life's history thrown;
Born by the law that compels men to be,
Born to conditions they could not foresee

John and Peter and Robert and Paul
God in his wisdom created them all.

John was the head and hearts of his state,

"Of course it's WILLIAM TELL FLOUR! That's the only kind Mother ever buys"
DAISY BAKER

Was trusted and honored, was noble and great;
Peter was made 'neath life's burden to groan,
And never once dreamed that his soul was his own,
Robert great glory and honor received,
For zealously preaching what he one believed;
While Paul of the pleasures of sin took his fill
And gave up his life to the service of ill.

It chanced that these men, in their passing away
From earth and its conflicts, all died the same day.
John was mourned through the length and breadth of the land—
Peter fell 'neath the lash of a merciless hand,
Robert died with the praise of the Lord on his tongue,
While Paul was convicted of murder and hung.
John and Peter and Robert and Paul
The purpose of life was fulfilled in them all.

Men said of the statesman, "How noble and brave!"
But of Peter, alas, "He was only a slave,"
Of Robert, "'Tis well with his soul—it is well!"
While Paul they consigned to the torments of hell.
Born by our law, through all nature the same,
What made them differ, and who was to blame?
John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom created them all.

Out in that region of infinite light,
Where the soul of the black man is pure as the white;
Out where the spirit, through sorrow made wise
No longer resorts to deception and lies,
Out where the flesh can no longer control
The freedom and faith of the God given soul,
Who shall determine what change may befall
John and Peter and Robert and Paul.

John may in wisdom and goodness increase,
Peter repute to an infinite peace;
Peter may learn that the truths of the Lord
Are more in the spirit and less in the word.
And Paul may be blessed with a richer birth
Than the penitent of sin had allowed him on earth.
John and Peter and Robert and Paul,
God in his wisdom will care for them all.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes
One size smaller after using Allen's Foot Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot bath. For hot, tired, swollen, aching, tender feet. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy. Sold everywhere. 25c. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease. Don't accept any substitute. Adv. 3-8-4t.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

"IF THERE SHOULD BE WAR."

Speaker Champ Clark has commented thus "if there should be war it might be a good thing to have Congress on hand." Champ Clark occupies a peculiar position in the affairs of the nation. After the adjournment of the last session of Congress a great many members were wondering whether or not it would be necessary for them to return to Washington for an extra session. Champ Clark told the White House that "Congress is up in the air and I would like to know right away whether there is going to be an extra session or not." Notwithstanding the fact that the President was confined to his room from the effects of an "inauguration cold" a special session was immediately called for April 16.

In Washington there is almost a blind confidence in the ability of President Wilson to deal with the foreign situation. Nevertheless, there is a feeling of satisfaction that Congress is to convene, since "if there should be war" Congress would at least serve as a check upon the individual power as vested in the President.

THE HOUSE ORGANIZATION.

The numerous deaths among members of Congress will likely have no effect upon the organization of the next House of Representatives, which is scheduled to convene in Washington, April 16. The Republicans claim a numerical majority. Nevertheless, they do not expect that all Republicans will consent to vote for Mr. James R. Mann. Representative Gardner has openly declared that he will not vote for the Chicago Congressman. There are others who are supposed to entertain the same intention. The Republicans when confronted with these facts, reply that in case Mr. Mann cannot be elected that Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin will be chosen. However, it seems unlikely that Mr. Lenroot will be any more able to poll the entire Republican vote than Mr. Mann. Both have some bitter opposition within their own party.

On the Democratic side all are united for Speaker Clark and with two or three votes outside of the "straight Democrats," he is sure of reelection. There is not a Republican member of the House who is not personally friendly with Mr. Clark, and it would be an extraordinary condition if he is not chosen to succeed himself. About $3,000,000 in political patronage depends upon the issue, for should the Democrats lose the Speakership, all of the employees in the House of Representatives will be replaced by Republicans. Still more important to the members, themselves, is the fact that the chairmanships and principal places on committee, always go to the party in control; and in case of a Republican Speaker being elected there would be new chairmen for every committee in the House of Representatives.

Most of the important chairmanships are now held by Southern Democratic Congressmen, who came into their positions through seniority of service. The Northern Democrats are mostly new men, and as good Congressmen from the South are seldom defeated, and never voluntarily release the safe berth of being a Congressman, there seems little likelihood that a continuance of the Democratic regime on Capitol Hill will result to the benefit of many of the aspiring northern Democrats who would like to be at the head of the big committees.

PRESS CENSORSHIP.

A measure providing for press censorship in the United States failed to pass in the last Congress. When the President issued his order for armed neutrality, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who himself is a newspaper editor by profession, met a group of the Washington correspondents and through them made a general request to the newspapers of the country to refrain from publication of any news concerning the time of departure of American ships. The probabilities are that this request will be rigidly complied with, although it is entirely within the rights of any publication to give the information with reference to ships to its readers.

Most of the newspapers of the country are represented in Washington, and among these is this paper. The existing code between officials of the Government and correspondents, has been so closely observed in past years, that it is the universal practice of the Government to release important matters of news many days in advance. No correspondent violates this "release date," and if he did, he would likely be reprimanded or dismissed by his editor.

In view of the distressing conditions of the country at the present time, the newspapers will undoubtedly carry their own censorships, and there seems no probability that requests such as that made by Secretary Daniels, will be violated.

FIXING UP THE RULES.

The wisdom of unlimited debate in the Senate has been put to the test in the closing hours of many a Congress. It usually happens that some big matter of legislation that has been the "bone of contention" remains in an uncompleted state in the last hours of the Senate, where, owing to the rule that has permitted unlimited debate, it may be "talked to death." The Senate has revised this rule within the past few days, to such an extent that the cloture may now be applied in a manner that will prevent any actual filibustering. The privilege of debate has not been materially abridged, as the Senate provided in its new rule that each member may speak for at least an hour before the closing of debate. This identical course would have been possible in the last Senate had it not been for the fact that the majority consumed all of the time up to within a short time before the closing hours of the session, in discussing the President's request for "armed neutrality." Having finished their own arguments, they demanded that the opponents of the measure should forego the privilege of speaking upon the all-important question before the country. The new rule is doubtless a good one, and would have been passed long ago except for the fact that the Senate has been so careful about disturbing its cherished "Senatorial dignity."

MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The Army and Navy appropriation bills; and the special measures before the late Congress, intended to build up and maintain the army and navy establishments of the United States amounted to practically $1,000,000,000. Some of these were not enacted into law before the adjournment of Congress; but they will be taken up and passed during the early part of the special session.

THE ADAMSON LAW AND THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

Just at the time when President Wilson and the members of the administration were breathing easier because of the action of the railroad presidents in accepting the brotherhood chiefs' demands, rather than give the impression at home and abroad that the efficient operation of the country's rail ways would be hampered or impaired, as the face of the latest national peril, there followed the decision of the Supreme Court declaring the Adamson law to be constitutional.

Patriotism had been swayed in its height in response to the sinking of three American vessels, and Government officials connected with the administration had barely had time to congratulate the railroad managers and the operators when the Supreme Court handed down its decision declaring that Congress had full right to regulate wages on the railways. The eight hour day is therefore permanently fixed in the reckoning of compensation of all employees of the railroads of the United States.

At the very moment when the Supreme Court was handing down its decision, the Newlands Joint Committee was listening to a statement of Judge Robert S. Lovett, Chairman of the Union Pacific system, in which he showed that during the past ten years the new capital expended by the railroads for betterment and construction had averaged about $600,000,000 per annum. He pointed out that a greater amount—probably a billion dollars a year should be spent during the next ten years. The fact was brought out by Mr. Lovett that to provide transportation to the rapidly growing products and commerce of this country, almost every main line will have to be double tracked in the next ten or fifteen years; and railroads with four tracks and six tracks will become as common as double tracks were ten years ago.

The change in the railroad situation and in the relationship of the Government to it brought about by the decision of the Supreme Court, was strikingly voiced by Judge Lovett in concluding his address to the Congressmen when he said: "Finally, gentlemen, I wish to say that the responsibility for the railroad development of this country, for providing the necessary transportation facilities for the rapidly growing population and commerce of this country, no longer rests with the railroad officers and railroad managers entirely. We have our share, but it rests primarily on Congress. Whenever the Government regulates the rates and regulates the financial administration of railroads, and regulates the borrowing of money and the issuance of securities, it relieves the railroad officers of the responsibility of providing and developing transportation systems, except within the limits of the revenue than can be realized from such rates and under such restrictions."

PRESIDENTS AND THEIR CLOTHES.

The influence of Presidents of the United States upon the fashion customs of the people has recently been reviewed in print and it has been brought to light that the first President of our country was a sort of Chesterfield. The people of that period were duplicates of the Washington wardrobe. Fillmore, too, was polished. John Adams, our second President, was something of a dandy in a dignified way and appeared at his inauguration with an embroidered coat, silk stockings and silver buckles on his shoes. Jefferson was plain in matters of dress, and Monroe's favorite attire included dark blue coat, buff vest, small clothes and top boots. He wore a cocked hat of the Revolutionary style and has been called by many writers the "last of the cocked hats," since he was the last of the Presidents to adhere to the fashion of the past century.

Andrew Jackson, known as "Old Hickory," was a plain old chap and rode to the Capitol for his inauguration without an overcoat. It is said of James K. Polk that he was our leanest President, and in consequence his clothes never appeared to fit him. President Arthur was pronounced the handsomest of all Presidents. None of the latter day executives have features their personal apparel, or made it a part of their claims for greatness.

ONLY ONE HORSE LEFT.

The White House stables, which once housed the "first horses of the land" are no more, and in the entire White House equipment, but one horse and carriage is left, and that is used by Mrs. Jaffray, housekeeper of the White House. Even a garage is denied the President's establishment, but there are five automobiles for the White House and these are kept at the stables of the Quartermaster's Department, where they can easily be called into service. One of the White House machines is a small electric, seldom used, although Mrs. Wilson preferred that style of machine very much before she was married. The four other cars are Pierce Arrows and three of these are used by the President, the other one by Secretary Tumulty.

SAVING MINERS LIVES.

The Bureau of Mines, at Washington uses some good philosophy in answering the criticisms directed toward them because of the fact that they have issued circulars of educational value printed in foreign languages. "There is no possibility of making a good citizen out of a dead miner," says the latest contents, which further goes on to state: "Our first duty in behalf of good citizenship is to help prevent miners from being killed. The plan of the bureau in placing the English in parallel with the foreign language in these circulars will however encourage the alien miners to learn English at the same time they are reading in their own language about the dangers of their work. These circulars will also have value to the children of these men in showing them the English equivalent to their father's tongue.

TRACTORS ON FARMS.

An inquiry has been made by Government departments to ascertain the number of farm tractors in use throughout the country. It is found that there are 31,371. These are principally found in the agricultural states in the middle west, Illinois leading with 3,202.

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Eggs or young stock from healthy, virile breeders is the first essential to raising worthwhile chicks. Next comes proper brooding and then the vitamine factor of food that will grow husky, sturdy chicks.

After hatching, chicks should be disturbed as little as possible. Give them a good rest to gain strength either under the undisturbed mother hen or in the incubator or darkened brooder, depending on the method used. There will be plenty of time for admiring them, or handling when feeding time comes. Don't give food of any kind until at least forty-eight hours after hatching. The last process of incubation is the absorption of the remaining portion of the yolk of the egg and this will sustain life for several days if necessary. To give food before this absorption takes place will interfere with the digestive process.

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When it comes to feeding, numerous combinations may be used, including the different prepared starting foods for chicks. Prepared Starting Foods are quite a convenience, especially where the chicks are raised on a small scale, or where certain important materials are not easily procurable.

Such things as oatmeal, rolled oats, cracked grain mixtures, johnnycake, bread crumbs, hard boiled eggs, and ground grain mashes are used in various ways in feeding the small chicks. Whatever the feed, be careful about giving too much and never have mashes more than slightly moistened. Never allow moist feed to lie about and always feed in a cleanly way.

Five or six feeds a day are about right for the first two weeks. After the first few days scatter a little finely cracked grain in the floor litter and make them scratch, for even the little chick must have exercise to keep it healthy.

Green feed in abundance is necessary for the growing chick and a small amount should be given at a week old. Their appetite for this increases rapidly and later it must constitute a considerable portion of the ration. At the start all greens must be cut up into short, convenient lengths for the chick. Lettuce, clover, tender grass and sprouted oats make the best chick greens.

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In pleasant weather chicks grow best and are far less care if they have a good outside run, preferably in grass.

Where the chicks cannot be given a generous range which in itself will keep them on the move a greater part of the day, they must be made to exercise and the successful poultry raiser will keep this well in mind.

Always have them on edge for their feed by not feeding too much and brighten them up occasionally between meals with something tempting that will induce additional exercise. Vary the feeding enough to keep them interested, for in this way they can be made to digest more food and grow faster.

Let there be no question about the quality of feed given the chicks. The best is not too good for chick losses are heavy and are due largely to poor food. Examine all grains to see that they are free from mould or must, or the beef scrap from taint, and never feed anything that has become spoiled. Carelessness about the feed used could result in much damage in a very short time. Cost of a starting food should not be considered for a chick eats very little during its first three weeks. Then too this is the period when the chicks egg producing organs are developing.

Observe regular hours in feeding and give the first meal of the day as early as possible. Keep fresh water always in reach of the chicks, also chick grit, charcoal, and chick size dry bone, in hoppers.

Parasites are the cause of much loss among little chicks and head-lice and mites must especially be guarded against for their presence may cause considerably damage in a very short time.

After the chicks get to growing, don't forget that they need more room. Nothing will compensate for overcrowding in the houses or runs. No definite rules can be laid down here because much depends on local conditions.

Keep chicks away from the grown fowl, also avoid having different ages together in the same run if possible. Furnish plenty of good shade in hot weather and make the chicks comfortable in every way. Study their needs for there is much to learn.

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PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfiture. Carol, one of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III—Prudence and Fairy receive the Ladies' Aid society while Lark, Carol and Connie practice modeling in mud on the dining room table.

CHAPTER IV—The twins prepare Constance for initiation into their private secret society with results unexpected to themselves.

CHAPTER V—When Fairy entertains Eugene Babler in the evening, the twins convince Prudence that etiquette has small place in the Starr family.

CHAPTER VI—Connie practices economy by borrowing $5 from one of the trustees to buy a new cloak and unconsciously teaches the church pillars a lesson.

CHAPTER VII—Prudence captures a burglar and wins $100 reward.

CHAPTER VIII — Prudence takes an early morning bicycle jaunt and rides into a mule, sprained ankle and a romance. The knight of romance is Jerrold Harmer.

But as she neared the bottom the placid mule suddenly stalked into the middle of the road. Prudence screamed, jerked the handlebar to the right, to the left, and then, with a sickening thud, she struck the mule head first, and bounced on down to the ground, with a little cry of pain. The bicycle crashed beside her, and the mule, slightly startled, looked around at her with ears raised in silent questioning. Then he ambled slowly across the road, and deliberately continued his grazing.

Prudence tried to raise herself, but she felt sharp pain. She heard someone leaping over the fence near her, and wondered, without moving her head, if it could be a tramp bent on highway robbery. The next instant a man was leaning over her. "It's not a tramp," she thought, before he had time to speak.

"Are you hurt?" he cried. "You poor child!"

Prudence smiled pluckily. "My ankle is hurt a little, but I am not a child."

The young man, in great relief, laughed aloud, and Prudence joined him rather faintly.

"I'm afraid I cannot walk," she said. "I believe I've broken my ankle, maybe my whole leg, for all I know. It—hurts—pretty badly!"

"Lie down like this," he said, helping her to a more comfortable position, "do not move. May I examine your foot?"

She shook her head, but he removed the shoe regardless of her headshake. "I believe it is sprained. I am sure the bone is not broken. But how in the world will you get home? How far is it to Mount Mark? Is that where you live?"

"Yes"—considering—"yes, I live there, and it must be four miles, anyhow. What shall I do?"

In answer, he pulled off his coat, and arranged it carefully by the side of the road on the grass. Then jerking open the bag he had carried, he took out a few towels, and three soft shirts. Hastily rolling them together for a pillow, he added it to the bed pro tem. Then he turned again to Prudence.

"I'll carry you over here, and fix you as comfortably as I can. Then I'll go to the nearest house and get a wagon to take you home."

Prudence was not shy, and realizing that his plan was the wise one, she made no objections when he came to help her across the road. "I think I can walk if you lift me up."

But the first movement sent such a twinge of pain through the wounded ankle that she clutched him frantically and burst into tears. "It hurts," she cried, "don't touch me."

Without speaking, he lifted her as gently as he could and carried her to the place he had prepared for her. "Will you be warm enough?" he asked, after he had stood looking awkwardly down upon the sobbing girl as long as he could endure it.

"Yes," nodded Prudence, gulping down the big sob rising in her throat.

"I'll run. This confounded cross-cut is so out of the way that no one will pass here for hours, I suppose. Now lie as comfortably as you can, and do not worry. I'm going to run."

Off he started, but Prudence, left alone, was suddenly frightened. "Please, oh, please," she called after him, and when he came back she buried her face in shame, deep in the linen towel.

"I'm afraid," she whispered, crying again. "I do not wish to be left alone here. A snake might come, or a tramp."

He sat down beside her. "You're nervous. I'll stay with you until you feel better. Someone may come this way, but it isn't likely. I cut through the hickory grove to save a mile. That's how I happened to find you." He smiled a little, and Prudence, remembering the nature of her accident, flushed. Then, being Prudence, she laughed.

"It was my own fault. I had no business to go coasting down like that. But the mule was so stationary. It never occurred to me that he contemplated moving for the next century at least. He was a bitter disappointment." She looked down the roadside where the mule was contentedly grazing, with never so much as a sympathetic glance at his victim.

"I'm afraid your bicycle is rather badly done up."

"Oh—whatever will Mattie Moore say to me? It's borrowed. Oh, I see now, that it was just foolish pride that made me unwilling to ride during decent hours. What a dunce I was—as usual."

He looked at her curiously. This was beyond his comprehension. She explained and then was silent a while. "Fairy'll have to get breakfast, and she always gets father's eggs too hard." Silence again. "Maybe papa'll worry. But then, they know by this time that something always does happen to me, so they'll be prepared."

She turned gravely to the young man beside her. He was looking down at her, too. And as their eyes met, and clung for an instant, a slow, dark color rose in his face. Prudence felt a curious breathlessness—caused by her hurtling ankle, undoubtedly.

"My name is Prudence Starr—I am the Methodist minister's oldest daughter."

"And my name is Jerrold Harmer." He was looking away into the hickory grove now. "My home is in Des Moines."

"Oh, Des Moines is quite a city, isn't it? I've heard quite a lot about it. You might tell me about Des Moines. Is it very nice? Are there lots of rich people there? Of course, I do not really care any more about rich people than the others, but it always makes a city seem grand to have a lot of rich citizens, I think. Don't you?"

So he told her about Des Moines, and Prudence lay with her eyes half-closed, listening, and wondering why there was more music in his voice than in most voices. Her ankle did not hurt very badly. She did not mind it at all. In fact, she never gave it a thought. From beneath her lids she kept her eyes fastened on Jerrold Harmer's long brown hands, clasped loosely about his knees. And whenever she could, she looked up into his

"Do Your Friends Call you Jerry?"

face. And always there was that curious catching in her breath, and she looked away again quickly, feeling that to look too long was dangerous.

"I have talked my share now," he was saying, "tell me all about yourself, and the parsonage, and your family. And who is Fairy? And do you attend the college at Mount Mark? You look like a college girl."

"Oh, I am not," said Prudence, reluctant to make the admission for the first time in her life. "I am too stupid to be a college girl. I left high school five years ago and have been keeping house for my father and sisters since then. I am twenty years old. How old are you?"

"I am twenty-seven," and he smiled.

"Jerrold Harmer," she said slowly and very musically. "It is such a nice name. Do your friends call you Jerry?"

"The boys at school called me Roldie, and sometimes Hammie. But my mother always called me Jerry. She isn't living now, either. You call me Jerry, will you?"

"Yes, I will, but it won't be proper. But that never makes any difference to me, except when it might shock the members. You want me to call you Jerry, don't you?"

"Yes, I do. And when we are better acquainted, will you let me call you Prudence?"

"Call me that now. I can't be too particular, you see, when I am lying on your coat and pillowed with your belongings. You might get cross, and take them away from me. Did you go to college?"

"Yes, to Harvard, but I was not much of a student. Then I knocked around a while, looking at the world, and two years ago I went home to Des Moines. I have been there ever since except for little runs once in a while."

Prudence sighed. "My sister Fairy is going to college now. She's very clever—oh, very. You'll like her, I am sure—much better than you do me, of course." Prudence was strangely downcast.

"I am sure I won't," said Jerrold Harmer, with unnecessary vehemence. "I don't care a thing for college girls. I like home girls." Jerrold flipped over abruptly, and lay on the grass, his face on his arms turned toward her face. They were quiet for a while, but their glances were clinging.

"Did you play football at college? You are so tall. Fairy's tall, too. Fairy's very grand looking. I've tried my best to eat lots, and exercise, and make myself bigger, but—I am a fizzle."

"Yes, I played football. But girls do not need to be so tall as men. Don't you remember what Orlando said about Rosalind—'just as tall as my heart?' I imagine you come about to my shoulder. We'll measure as soon as you are on your feet again."

"Are you going to live in Mount Mark now? Are you coming to stay?" Prudence was almost quivering as she asked this. It was of vital importance.

"No, I will only be there a few days, but I shall probably be back every week or so. Is your father very strict? Maybe he would object to your writing to me."

"Oh, he isn't strict at all. And he will be glad for me to write to you, I know. Is Des Moines just full of beautiful girls?"

"I should say not. I never saw a real beautiful girl in Des Moines in my life. Or any place else, for that matter, until I came— You know when you come right down to it, there are mighty few girls that look—just the way you want them to look."

Prudence nodded. "That's the way with men, too. Of all the men I have seen in my life, I never saw one before that looked just the way I wanted him to."

"Before?" he questioned eagerly.

"Yes," said Prudence frankly. "You look just as I wish you to."

CHAPTER IX.

Father Starr Reads the Signs.

And in the meanwhile, at the parsonage, Fairy was patiently getting breakfast. "Prudence went out for an early bicycle ride, so the members wouldn't catch her," she explained to the family. "And she isn't back yet. She'll probably stay out until afternoon, and then ride right by the grocery store where the Ladies have their Saturday sale. That's Prudence, all over. Oh, father, I did forget your eggs again. I am afraid they are too hard. Here, twins, you carry in the oatmeal, and we will eat. No use to wait for Prudence. It would be like waiting for the next comet."

Indeed, it was nearly noon when a small, one-horse spring wagon drove into the parsonage yard. Mr. Starr was in his study with a book, but he heard a piercing shriek from Connie, and a shrill "Prudence!" from one of the twins. He was downstairs in three leaps, and rushing wildly out to the little rickety wagon. And there was Prudence!

"Don't be frightened, father. I've just sprained my ankle, and it doesn't hurt hardly any. But the bicycle is broken, and we'll have to pay for it. You can use my own money in the bank. Poor Mr. Davis had to walk all the way to town, because there wasn't any room for him in the wagon with me lying down like this. Will you carry me in?"

Connie's single bed was hastily brought downstairs, and Prudence deposited upon it. "There's no use to put me upstairs," she assured them. "I won't stay there. I want to be down here where I can boss the girls."

The doctor came in, and bandaged the swollen purple ankle. Then they had dinner—they tried to remember to call it luncheon, but never succeeded! After that, the whole parsonage family stooped about the little single bed in the cheery sitting-room.

"Whose coat is this, Prudence?" asked Connie.

"And where in the world did you get those towels and safety-pins?" asked Fairy.

Prudence blushed most exquisitely. "They are Mr. Harmer's," she said, and glanced nervously at her father.

"Whose?" chorused the family.

"If you will sit down and keep still, I will tell you all about it. But you must not interrupt me. What time is it, Fairy?"

"Two o'clock."

"Oh, two. Then I have plenty of time," and in her own frank way, she told the story.

"Then Mr. Davis came along with his cart," she concluded, "and Jerry—er—Harmer, you know, helped put me in, and the cart was so small they both had to walk."

"Where is he now?" "Is he young?" "Is he handsome?" "Did he look rich?"

"Don't be silly, girls. He went to the hotel, I suppose. Anyhow, he left us as soon as we reached town. He said he was in a hurry, and had something to look after. His coat was underneath me in the wagon, and he wouldn't take it out for fear of hurting my ankle, so the poor soul is probably wandering around this town in his shirt sleeves."

Already, in the eyes of the girls, this Jerry—er—Harmer, had taken unto himself all the interest of the affair.

"He'll have to come for his coat," said Lark. "We're bound to see him."

"Where does he live? What was he doing in the hickory grove?" inquired Mr. Starr with a strangely sinking heart, for her eyes were alight with new and wonderful radiance.

"He lives in Des Moines. He was just walking into town, and took a short cut through the grove."

"Walking! From Des Moines?"

Prudence flushed uncomfortably. "I didn't think of that," she said. "But I do not see why he should not walk if he likes. He's strong and athletic, and fond of exercise. I guess he's plenty able to walk if he wants to. I'm sure he's no tramp, father, if that is what you are thinking."

"I am not thinking anything of the kind, Prudence," he said with dignity. "But I do think it rather strange that a young man should set out to walk from Des Moines to Mount Mark. And why should he be at it so early in the morning? Doesn't he require sleep, as the rest of us do?"

"How should I know? I guess if he likes to be out in the morning when it is fresh and sweet, it is all right. I like the morning myself. He had as much right out early as I had. His clothes were nice, and he is a Harvard graduate, and his shoes were dusty, but not soiled or worn. Anyhow, he is coming at four o'clock. If you want to ask if he is a tramp, you can do it." And Prudence burst into tears.

Dramatic silence in the cheerful sitting room! Then Fairy began bustling about to bathe the face and throat of "poor little Prudence," and her father said sympathetically:

"You're all nervous and wrought up, with the pain and excitement, Prudence. I'm glad he is coming so we can thank him for his kindness. It was mighty lucky he happened along, wasn't it? A Harvard graduate! Yes, they are pretty strong on athletics at Harvard. You'd better straighten this room a little and have things looking nice when he gets here," said Father Starr, with great diplomacy. And he was rewarded, and startled, by observing that Prudence brightened wonderfully at his words.

"Yes, do," she urged eagerly. "Get some of the roses from the corner bush, and put them on the table there. And when you go upstairs, Fairy, you'd better bring down that little lace spread in the bottom drawer of our dresser. It'll look very nice on this bed. Work hard, girls, and get everything looking fine. He'll be here at four, he said. You twins may wear your white dresses, and Connie must put on her blue and wear her blue bows. Fairy, do you think it would be all right for you to wear your silk dress? Of course, the silk is rather grand for home, but you do look so beautiful in it. Father, will you put on your black suit, or are you too busy? And don't forget to wear the pearl cuff buttons Aunt Grace sent you."

He went upstairs to obey, with despair in his heart. But to the girls, there was nothing strange in this exactness on the part of Prudence. Jerrold Harmer was the hero of the romance, and they must unite to do him honor. He was probably a prince in disguise. Jerrold Harmer was a perfectly thrilling name. It was really a shame that America allows no titles—Lord Jerrold did sound so noble, and Lady Prudence was very effective, too. He and Prudence were married, and had a family of four children, named for the various Starrs, before one hour had passed.

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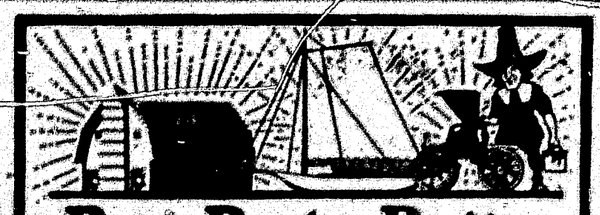

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GRANGE NEWS

CANTON GRANGE.

At Canton Grange meeting Saturday the following good program was enjoyed. Meeting opened with singing of "America" by all; quotations from ritual by members; reading, Mrs. Helen Mitchell; reading, Mrs. Irene Turker; talk on "Maine Agriculture," A. A. Adams, followed by discussion. The topic, "Orcharding," was one of the interesting parts of the meeting. Planting an orchard and the care of young trees was by H. C. Ladden. Spraying and pruning, Wm. P. Mitchell Jr. Remarks by several members. The next meeting will be "Educational Day," and E. T. Clifford of Wilton is expected to give an address.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange held a special meeting March 20 at 8:30 P. M. Previous officers: Overseer, P. I. French; Chaplain, Carrie French; Asst. Steward, W. D. Kilgore; Flora, Addie Saunders; Ceres, Maud Bailey; Gate Keeper, A. E. Bailey. Voted to have a supper eat and dance at the Grange Hall, Friday evening, April 6. Committee on syrup, S. P. Davis and C. P. Saunders. Committee on procuring snow, M. A. Holt and Irvin French; Committee on dance, C. P. Saunders, W. D. Kilgore and Lea Wight. Worthy Master read an invitation from Bethel Grange to an all day meeting, Thursday. Literary program: Quotations from the members, reading, Selma Smith; song, Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Wight. There was a small attendance on account of the poor traveling.

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange held an all day meeting on March 22. The Granges had been invited and the pleasant weather brought out a large attendance, the delegation from Bear River Grange being the largest, twenty-seven. The whole number of invited guests present was one hundred and five.

The meeting was called to order in the forenoon by Worthy Master Hatch but as the usual routine of business was taken up. Bro. J. H. Little gave the address of welcome and the response was made by the Master of Pleasant Valley Grange, L. A. Sumner. A recess for dinner was then declared.

The tables were very prettily decorated by a bountiful supply of food, which seemed to be much appreciated. At 1:30 P. M. the master again called to order and placed the meeting in the hands of the Lecturer and the following program was rendered:

Opening Song, Choir
Paper, "Woman Suffrage," Martha Kendall
Music, "Star Spangled Banner"
Reading, Flora Merrow
Duet, Lea Happoni, Florence Upton
Reading, Ella Lyon
Dialogue, "A Misunderstanding," Lea Happoni, Florence Upton, Flora Noble, scenic, Mildred Farnum, Reading cancer, Mae E. Bartlett
Music, "Work for the Night is Coming," By all
Address, "The Milk Question," C. W. Q. Perkins

There were about addresses from by Masters of Pleasant Valley, L. A. Sumner; Bear River, L. E. Wight; Albany, Guy Bartlett.

Closing Piece, "My Childhood Home," By all

UNION GRANGE.

The regular meeting of Union Grange was held March 24 with a large attendance. Visitors were present from Bear Grange. In being sisters' day the chairs were filled by the following: Master, Jennie Kenney; Overseer, Hattie Barrows; Steward, Tasme Heald; Asst. Steward, Leon Russell; Lady Asst. Steward, Annie Newhall; Gate Keeper, Blanche Bradbury; Chaplain, Mary Emerson; Lecturer, Kate Mayhew; Secretary, Ida Bessey; Treasurer, Nellie Parlin; Ceres, Addie Keyser; Flora, Hebra Tucker; Pomona, Hattie Russell. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of six in an able manner. A bountiful dinner under the supervision of Mrs. A. E. Horton, Mrs. Kate Bonney, Mrs. Nellie Ricker, Mrs. Lilla Palmer was served to all. The afternoon session was an open one and many availed themselves of the opportunity to listen to the lecturer's program. First was music by the choir; farce, Mrs. Willis' Will; address on the N. E. M. P. A., by H. M. Tucker; music; reading, Marion Bradeen; reading, Mrs. L. A. Keene; reading, Mrs. Kate Bonney; music by the choir. This closed a very pleasant and profitable session of Union Grange. Several members were reported ill and flowers were sent to them. New Century Pomona meets with Buckfield Grange, April 11th.

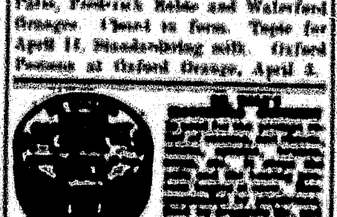
NORWAY GRANGE.

Norway Grange met March 24. An all day session was held. Meeting was called to order at 10:45 by Worthy Master G. W. Richardson. Officers present at opening exercises were: Gladys Russell as Lady Assistant Steward, and Willard Buck, Sr., as Gate Keeper, afterwards all officers were present. Minutes of last meeting read, also communications from Commissioner of Agriculture, J. A. Roberts, in regard to a talk on spraying by Mr. Dudley of that department, from Mary Haskell in regard to the Girls' Canning Club, and Home Economics; also a letter from State Master W. J. Thompson in reference to the National Grange Monthly (which should be in every Grange home) at this period. Bro. A. E. Morse, the contest judge, read a poem on the high cost of living. It ended with such a pitiful (?) lament, we are inclined to think Bro. Morse wrote it himself,—no positive proof though. Seven candidates were then balloted on and elected to membership. The third and fourth degrees were then conferred on a waiting class of fifteen. A recess was declared and a harvest feast was served under the supervision of Hattie Brown and assistants. Meeting again called to order and the time given to the captains who presented the following numbers:

Capt. Jackson:
Ready for the Front, original song, in costume, entire
Song, Pertaining to the Red Cross.
Capt. Abbott:
Looking Back, executed in costume, entire
Yankee Doodle
Capt. Jackson
Military Drill, entire, Prayer, Eternal Peace.
Capt. Abbott:
Grace's Waste Basket; Paper remodeling one of Lyceum days, Emma Parkard, reader
Capt. Jackson.
Irish Song and encore, in costume, Frank Kimball
Capt. Abbott:
Interested Song—The Old Red Cradle. Fire Talkers; encore. Home Dates Ayer. Illustrated—Two Tableaux.
Capt. Jackson:
Original farce—A Dream of the Cook Book.
Capt. Abbott.
A farce, During the contest.
Capt. Jackson
The first degrees with tableaux—an encore. A Neighborly Gathering.

This closed the program.

Several applications were received. The sick were reported as improving. All were glad to welcome Sister Mary Howard home again, after a few months' absence. The next meeting will be held on April 14, of which further notice will be given. Visitors were present from Round Mt., Bear Mt., Penn, Frederick Noble and Waterford Granges. Meet in form. Topic for April 14, Housekeeping with Oxford Persons at Oxford Grange, April 3.



78th MAINE LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

A medley of military matters, water power controversies, talk of adjournment, hurried and worried committees and one-time quiet and tolerant solons suddenly become infected with the little gab-fest germ were away the 12th week in the State capitol for the members of the Legislature. On Friday, our gallant law makers all in a moment awakened to the fact that the last day of March was but eight days away. Much excited conversation; quick tightening of belts; perspiring brows, etc. Two long and wearing sessions on Friday, the first afternoon conventions of the Legislature. The printer was swamped; the calendar revision refused to be compassed, and another record was made—a Saturday session—with adjournment until Tuesday morning of this week.

But hope of a March adjournment has been shattered. Augusta probably will hold the 78th Legislative session for nearly if not quite another week. Word has come from the executive department that Governor Milliken strongly urges that the session continue until the National Congress convenes, that any necessary action may be taken in conjunction with the Washington body for national defense. An appropriation of $300,000 or more is predicted in some quarters. It is believed that this delay of final adjournment may give adequate time for the business on hand and may preclude the necessity of an extra session for war measures.

"War talk" sent its thrills through the 78th Maine Legislature last week and its influence was manifest in several bills and in the appointment by Governor Milliken of a "Committee of One Hundred" for the safety of the public of Maine.

Every county in the state and virtually every business and profession is represented upon this committee. Hon. Harold M. Sewall of Bath is the general chairman, and it will be the duty of this committee to inquire into the military and manufacturing facilities to discover what can be done toward preparing Maine for war should it come. Stimulus will be sought for enlistments in the national guard, a regular army, the navy and the naval reserve. Sub-committees will be appointed for special tasks and lines of inquiry. Over the whole will be the executive committee of 11, constituted by the following members: Hon. Harold M. Sewall, Bath; John E. Bunker, Bar Harbor; Hon. William T. Cobb, Rockland; Rex W. Dodge, Portland; Hon. Halbert P. Gardner, Portland; Hon. Ernest M. Goodall, Sanford; Hon. Charles P. Johnson, Waterville; Herbert M. Payson, Portland; Hon. Hiram W. Ricker, South Poland, Donald F. Snow, Bangor; J. S. P. H. Wilson, Auburn. Oxford County has the following representation: Hon. Albert J. Stearns, chairman, lawyer, Norway. Theodore H. Hawley, manufacturer, Romford; Leslie E. McIntire, farmer, East Waterford; Alton C. Wheeler, lawyer, South Paris.

But it fell to the lot of Rep. Coffin of Freeport to introduce the real military measure of the week. This is an act relating to the registration of information concerning aliens, and is an outgrowth of the present threatening relations with Germany. Following a preamble which states that in the event of war existing or imminent between the United States of America and any foreign country full information concerning the activities of aliens who are subjects of such foreign countries is necessary for the public peace and safety, and that such a state of war may be imminent before the expiration of 90 days after the adjournment of this Legislature, that an emergency clause is appended for the preservation of the public safety. The act provides that whenever between the United States of America and any foreign country a state of war shall exist or shall be imminent the Governor may by proclamation direct and require every subject or citizen of such foreign country within this State to appear within 24 hours after such proclamation and from time to time thereafter within 24 hours after his arrival in this State before such authorities as the Governor may in such proclamation direct, the alien shall then and there personally register his name, residence, business, length of stay and such information as the Governor may from time to time in such proclamation prescribe.

Three bills providing heavy penalties for trespass or malicious destruction or attempted destruction of water works, mills, mill ponds, public build ings, reservoirs, fortifications, piers or docks, or the corrupting of water supply were introduced in the House on Friday. They were passed immediately in both branches and sent to the Governor.

Sen. Wood of Hancock made a stirring speech Tuesday of last week in support of the bill to establish compulsory military training in the public schools of Maine. He finally consented to having the bill recommitted to the committee for the purpose of substituting the voluntary clause for the compulsory provision and to make it optional with the towns as to its adoption.

The act known as the Grange school bill, providing for the distribution of the State school fund on the basis of aggregate attendance was passed by the House, Thursday, the favorable report of a divided committee being accepted. The bill has been assigned for this week in the Senate.

The bill to provide a resident hunter's registration was indefinitely postponed in the Senate, following an impassioned speech by Sen. Gillin of Penobscot, who saw a blow at the boys of Maine in the provisions of the act.

A favorable committee report on resolve for the purpose of making surveys, plans and estimates for an interstate bridge between Kittery and Portsmouth was received on Friday.

The budget won out last week at the expense of the committee on education when the House turned down the committee's recommendation of appropriations of $1,750 in the next two years in favor of the budget's call for $4,000.

The bill to abolish all municipal and police courts in the State and create in their stead a system of courts of inferior jurisdiction was effectually disposed of and prepared for the final funeral obsequies before the committee on judiciary last week Tuesday. So many judges, lawyers and laymen appeared against the bill that it was necessary to hold the hearing in the Senate chamber.

Ralph T. Parker of Rumford said that he represented the courts of Oxford County and that his county was strongly opposed to the proposed change. There were two municipal courts in Oxford County, one at Rumford with a civil jurisdiction of $300 and in some respects like a Superior court except that it had no jury, while at Norway there was a municipal court with a much smaller jurisdiction. He had heard of no demand for a change. The bill had no father. Why should there be the uniformity of jurisdiction for which it calls? He was utterly opposed to a plan which swept out of existence the 40 municipal courts of the State and did not establish any uniformity that was desirable, but simply multiplied confusion.

Hydro-electrical development and transmission of power without the confines of the state continue to provide rough water in the legislative channels. Rep. Baxter of Portland still keeps up his amendments to power bills, in which he seeks to prevent such exporting of current. And the opponents of the amendment have been forced to the wall because they have been informed that any electric charter without this amendment is under the ban of the executive department. Governor Milliken has made it very plain that such an omission will be menaced by the power of the veto. He says, "I hope no electric charter will be presented to me for approval without such an amendment. It is the present policy of the State of Maine to forbid transmission outside the State of electric power generated within the State. This has been expressed in the general law passed in 1909." He believes a definite policy if determined upon might modify the present prohibition of exportation. "In the meantime, however," he declares, "we cannot safely change our present policy." Since this announcement there has been little indication of open opposition, although Sen. Deering leaved executive displeasure when, supported by the Senate, he secured the indefinite postponement of the Baxter amendment to the act in relation to the Knox Gas and Electric Co.

The only other real stir came Thursday in the Senate when Sen. Lord of York offered another amendment to go with Baxter's on the act enlarging the powers of the Western Maine Power Co. But the amendment after a little excitement proved to be not very serious. It provides that when other companies are allowed to transmit power outside the State the prohibitory amendment shall not be binding upon this company. Rep. Holt of Cumberland then tabled the bill and assigned Tuesday of this week for consideration.

Rep. Cole's important bill providing for the transmission of electricity out of the State under certain circumstances was given its hearing Thursday afternoon before the judiciary committee. Sen. Lord of York contended that the general principal of the transmission of electricity was the same as the shipping of lumber, hay or potatoes outside the State. According to the provision of the bill power might be exported only when the public utilities commission had been satisfied by the companies that they had reduced rates to a stated schedule and that they had become able to produce a surplus of electric current for which they have no market within the State.

Although Rep. Baxter questioned some of the witnesses who spoke for the measure there was no real opposition. Even Rep. Dutton of Bingham stated that he favored the principle of the bill.

Rep. Holbrook appeared before the ways and bridges committee in support of an act drawn by him relating to patrol maintenance and providing that it shall be optional with the towns in which State or State-aid highways are located regarding this patrol. Paul D. Sargent, chief engineer of the State Highway Commission made a statement before the committee in which he told why the law was passed and why it was necessary that State highways be maintained by patrol. Belgrade, Kennebunk and Rumford he declared to have been well pleased by the work of their patrolmen, but in Rome he had found ruts 12 inches deep in the middle of the road; simply because no one had attempted to repair the road when it first started to break.

Hugo Clark, a Bangor attorney, explained before the legal affairs committee the bill providing for a State constabulary, as not having enforcement of the prohibitory law specifically in mind. The administration would be directed against general vandalism, strike rioting, etc.

The Governor has signed the act relating to the removal of delinquent sheriffs.

The committee on temperance reported ought to pass on act introduced by Rep. Patten of Harmony providing for straight jail sentences in liquor cases. The same committee reported ought to pass on act relating to transportation of intoxicating liquors. The same committee reported ought to pass on act providing for sentence at the time of conviction and giving court discretion as to sentence. The same committee reported ought to pass on act relating to injunctions in liquor cases. The same committee reported ought to pass on act authorizing persons in charge of railroad property to arrest intoxicated and otherwise disorderly persons.

The committee on county estimates reported resolves levying the county taxes for the years 1917-18, carrying the following amounts for each of these years:

Androscoggin, $80,000; Aroostook, $61,624; Cumberland, $136,615; Franklin, $27,075; Hancock, $28,120; Kennebec, $63,275; Knox, $21,000; Lincoln, $14,000; Oxford, $40,000; Penobscot, $109,490; Piscataquis, $23,000; Sagadahoc, $21,000; Somerset, $36,260; Waldo, $18,000; Washington, $50,000; York, $45,000.

The committee on inland fisheries and game presented a divided report on the act to create the office of Commissioner of inland fisheries and game and to abolish the office of commissioner of inland fisheries and game. The majority report ought to pass.

The old bill which can always be depended upon to draw a howl of anguish, excited lobbying and the expenditure of considerable funds, the bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers, has been introduced by Rep. Packard of Newburg.

The mill tax bill providing a fund for the construction of State and State-aid highways has been reported by the committee on ways and bridges, ought to pass in a new draft. Like the original bill the new draft fixes the mill tax at one mill on the dollar to be annually assessed upon all property of the State according to the value thereof, and to be known as the "Mill Tax Highway Fund for the Construction of State and State-Aid Highways." The new draft eliminates the approval of the Governor and Council and allows the expenditure of that part of the mill tax highway fund used exclusively for the construction of State Highway Commission, except what may be necessary to meet the requirements of the national government for receiving federal aid. The new draft contains a section providing for State highway construction during the year 1917 of not less than $500,000 exclusive of funds received from the reissue of bonds now or hereafter to be retired. Said $500,000 to include all sums received from the federal government and any unexpended balance of this fund at the end of the year shall be added to this fund for State highways for the next year. The new draft also provides that all fees received by the treasurer of State for the registration of motor vehicles shall be used in the following order: first, to pay interest, due on all bonds issued under the provisions of the State highway act; to create such fund to meet maturing bonds as the Governor and Council may deem necessary to pay bonds during the current year; to provide funds for the administration of the office and duties of the Highway Commission and for all the expenditures, salaries and expense incident thereto and for maintenance requirements under the act; the balance to be applied on State highway construction work and any unexpended balance in any year to be carried over to the balance of the following year. The new draft repeals the section of the chapter of the Revised Statutes relating to the registration of motor vehicles providing for the disposition of registration fees under the previous arrangement.

The committee on ways and bridges reported ought to pass in a new draft on the various resolves appropriating money to aid in repairing and constructing roads and bridges and for other purposes. This is one of the famous blanket resolves under the new budget system, and appropriates $140,302.41, these sums to be expended under the supervision of the state highway commission and any appropriation not expended in 1917 to be available in 1918. Among the appropriations were:

Dixfield, to repair Towle hill road, $500; provided Dixfield furnish like amount.

Hebron, to repair roads, $500; provided Hebron furnish like amount.

The committee on military affairs reported ought to pass in a new draft the act to reimburse certain cities and towns for money expended for the support of dependent families of the National Guard who were called for service on the Mexican border. The resolve appropriates the following amounts for the following towns: Mexico, $540.43; Paris, $970.98; Rumford, $1,543.03; Norway, $192.15.

The committee on ways and bridges reported ought to pass in a new draft under the title An Act to enable the towns of Mexico in the county of Oxford to free the Mexico toll bridge to public travel. The new draft provides that the sum of $3,000 is appropriated to the town of Mexico for the purposes above described and that the town shall furnish a sum of money sufficient together $11,750 hereinbefore provided for to defray the entire cost of the purchase of said toll bridge and make the same a free bridge.

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UP THE NATAL MAIN LINE

A Railroad Ride in South Africa

Not all the railway lines in Africa are good. We at Amanzimtoti are on the South Coast line, getting old cars and relatively poor service. But on the Natal Main Line, connecting Durban with the Transvaal and Orange Free State, the service is excellent. I have been up this line as far as Merrivale, Natal, 88 miles from Durban.

Africa is a hard land for the railroads. The many steep grades, the long distances, the sparse population, all make it difficult for the railways to give good service. It has not been possible hitherto to build expensively and well. Railways have had to be put through in any way that was possible; hence cuts and fills are avoided, giving a very snaky set of lines.

Most of the carriages are on the regulation British type; a set of separate compartments, each with two seats facing each other, and a door at each end. But on the Main Line they have cars more after the American style, with platforms at the end, and a corridor off which the compartments open. The platforms have seats on them, and have a railing all around. Passengers are encouraged to ride there.

Two or three things must be noted. The gauge of all African railways—except the 2-foot narrow-gauge lines—is 3 feet 6 inches. On this they run cars about as high and wide as the Boston elevated trains—the same size as all British cars. Our Grand Trunk cars could not get through any African tunnel. Of course they have the system of first, second, and third class. Indians and natives travel third class and second; "Europeans" (whites) first and second. Fares are high, but modified by frequent cheap excursion facilities. All African railways are government-owned.

We left Durban on one of these corridor trains, on an April morning. For five miles we went along the level Congella flats, skirting Durban bay. Then, at South Coast Junction, we began to travel inland, up a steep grade, curving and twisting all the way. For 15 miles this grade of 120 feet to the mile continued. At Bellair, 3 miles from S. C. Junction, we began to get fine views out over Durban bay and among the bush-clad hills. As we went up past Northdene, Sarnia, etc.—groups of red tin-roofed houses embowered in flowers, our view became wider, and we looked into many beautiful bush-filled valleys. At Pinetown, twelve miles from Durban and a thousand feet up, we came out onto a huge amphitheatre among the hills, with low cliffs bordering it. Here bush began to give place to grass-veld.

We wound up along the hillsides, reaching a plateau two thousand feet high at Botha's Hill, 20 miles from Durban.

Soon after this we dodged around some kopjes, and—what a view! A miniature Grand Canyon of Arizona stretched away from our track, paralleling it. This was the Valley of a Thousand Hills. Fifteen hundred feet down we looked, down brave cliffs and slope, to the Umgeni River. As we skirted this valley, we could look off many miles across the Valley of a Thousand Hills, to flat topped Hofmansi Mountain and the Inanda hills. It was the Utah of the old stories.

We passed on, through grass veld and large plantations of dark green evergreen Australian Wattle trees. We zigzagged out and in among the boulders of the bare N'Tshanga hills. We topped over the crest of these, and cutting horseshoes on the hillside in and out of each little valley, came on to a shelf high on a canyon's side. Suddenly the valley turned a corner, became shallower, and we were at Inchanga, thirty miles from Durban. We had taken two hours to come this distance; we stopped 20 minutes for lunch.

Now, cutting many a horseshoe curve, we climbed up a grade of 200 feet to the mile, onto a plain about twenty-six hundred feet high. We zigzagged across this, avoiding cuts or fills. At Umlaas Road we saw a little two-foot narrow-gauge branch line. Compared to it the Bridgton and Saco River is a huge affair. Past station after station we went, stopping very long at many. Off on the northern horizon was the long bare summit of Table Mountain of Maritzburg; on the west were long hills. Nearby was mostly grass veld or mealie fields, with sheet-iron farmhouses and round native huts.